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# Making a Mark on the World

UC HASTINGS STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ALUMNI ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT  
ADVANCING THE PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW





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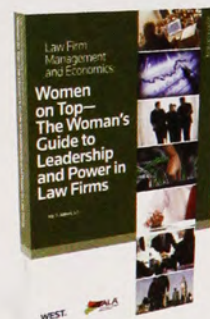
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## Dear Alumni and Friends,

This summer, I led a delegation that visited China. In the pages that follow, you'll read about this exciting trip to foster relationships with institutions, alumni and potential employers and prospective students in a dynamic nation with an expanding economy. At the outset, I'd like to share personal observations about legal services in an era of global competition.

China has high levels of optimism not only about its national progress, but also for a future that

transcends borders. Yet for all the opportunity to be found there, what many want most is the education available here. They believe that expertise in American law will be crucial to the future.

The same is true everywhere else as well. I encounter professionals daily whose practice spans multiple jurisdictions and disciplines. They would like to hire entry-level colleagues who are fluent in three languages, not merely two, or those who know law and engineering. This issue of our magazine is dedicated to the proposition that law is increasingly international and legal education must be, too.

When I was introduced to Chinese people, I sometimes joked that it turns out my mother was right: I should have paid attention in Chinese school. Thankfully, my Mandarin was serviceable enough for us to forgo an interpreter. I believe UC Hastings' future, like that of this great democracy, belongs within the world at large—and that our location gives us a special advantage along the Pacific Rim.

Please join us in a new journey for UC Hastings.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Wu  
Chancellor & Dean



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## Let's Commence!

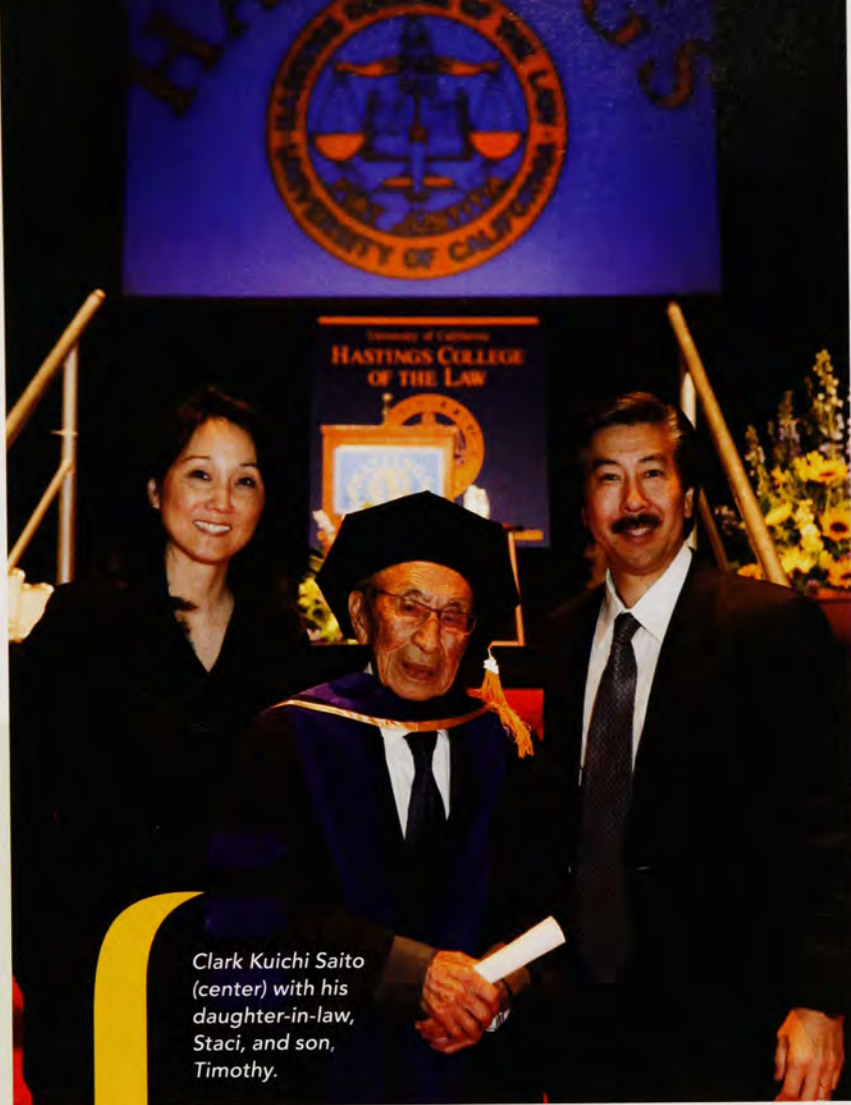
UC Hastings welcomed the graduating class of 2011—448 students in all—to a commencement ceremony on May 15, in San Francisco's Bill Graham Civic Auditorium. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Vaughn R. Walker, who retired earlier this year after a distinguished career as chief judge of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

At the ceremony, UC Hastings conferred honorary degrees upon seven Japanese American students whose legal studies were interrupted in 1942 as a result of wartime internment (see article on page 4).

**Congratulations to all our graduates!**







Clark Kuichi Saito (center) with his daughter-in-law, Staci, and son, Timothy.

# HONORARY DEGREES FOR A LOST CLASS

COMMEMORATING JAPANESE AMERICAN STUDENTS INTERNED DURING WORLD WAR II

In 1942, as World War II raged across the Pacific, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066. His decree resulted in the internment of 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans. Among them were some 700 students from the UC campuses, including UC Hastings.

Initially rationalized as a wartime necessity, the drastic action later would be viewed as a source of national shame; Congress eventually passed legislation to officially apologize, and reparations followed.

This May, UC Hastings did its part to honor those wrongly forced into camps, conferring honorary degrees on seven Japanese American former students whose educations were interrupted following Roosevelt's 1942 order.

The degrees were presented at a commencement ceremony, where Judge Vaughn Walker, known for ruling a statewide ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional last year, gave the keynote address. Alameda County Superior Court Judge **Dennis Hayashi '78**, a UC Hastings alumnus of Japanese ancestry,

accepted the honorary degrees on behalf of the former students.

But it was current students who catalyzed the recognition. A group led by **Stephanie Kang '12** and other members of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association researched and documented 10 UC Hastings students of Japanese descent who were enrolled at the school in 1942. Seven were never able to complete their law degrees.

Family members of three deceased honorees attended the ceremony. Also present was 92-year-old Clark Kuichi Saito, the only honoree confirmed as still alive. Saito attended the commencement with his son, Timothy Saito, who is a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge.

The acknowledgment of Saito and his former classmates may have been a long time coming, but it provided a warm moment for family members, other commencement attendees, and Chancellor and Dean **Frank H. Wu**.

"We think for a law school to do this is important," Wu said after the ceremony. "It was quite touching."



# PASSPORT TO A GLOBAL LEGAL EDUCATION



UC Hastings' international students with Acting Assistant Dean Chris Mammen (front row, center).

The breadth of international programs offered at UC Hastings is unparalleled among U.S. law schools. From students who participate in study-abroad programs to foreign attorneys who pursue LLM degrees here, the campus is electric with global engagement.

UC Hastings is privileged to have Associate Dean **Joel Paul** and Acting Assistant Dean **Chris Mammen** lend their expertise to the development and oversight of the law school's international and graduate programs. Paul, an expert on international economic law and policy, has played a key role in establishing UC Hastings as a leader in international legal education. Mammen, who earned his doctorate in jurisprudence from Oxford University, brings experience in patents, IP and civil litigation. "Our programs build on the law school's strengths," says Mammen, "and create an international community of legal scholars and practicing lawyers."



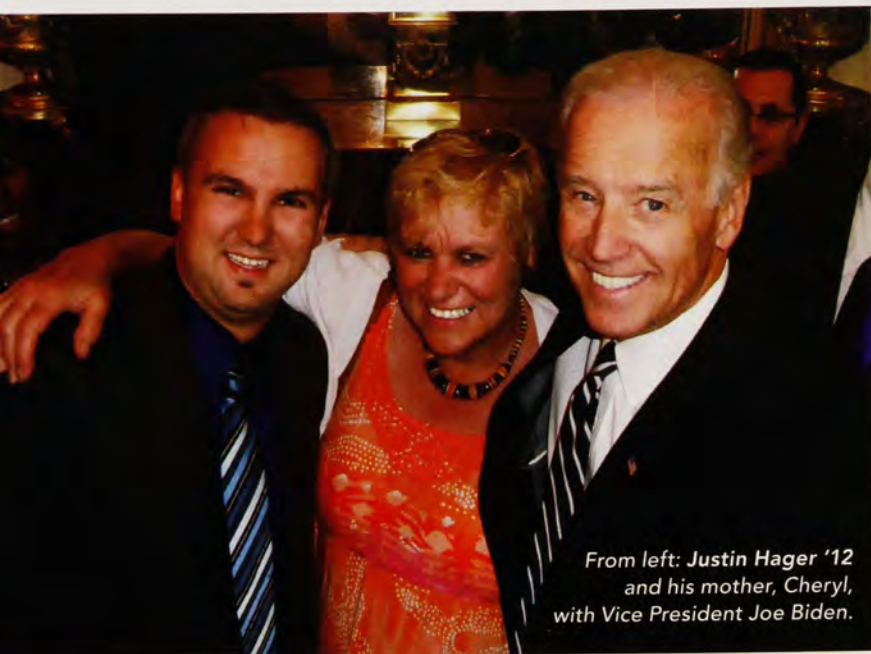
Associate Dean Joel Paul

## STUDY-ABROAD AND EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

UC Hastings offers students a broad spectrum of programs to study at these leading universities.

- **Argentina**
  - Austral University, Buenos Aires
- **Australia**
  - University of New South Wales, Sydney
- **China**
  - Peking University, Beijing
  - Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- **Denmark**
  - University of Copenhagen
- **France**
  - University of Paris-Assas
- **Germany**
  - Bucerius Law School, Hamburg
  - Freie University, Berlin
- **Hungary**
  - Central European University, Budapest
- **Italy**
  - Bocconi University, Milan
  - The International University College of Turin
- **The Netherlands**
  - Leiden University
- **Spain**
  - Deusto University, Bilbao
  - Instituto Empresa (IE), Madrid
- **United Kingdom**
  - The School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London
- **United States**
  - Vermont Law School, Royalton, Vermont





From left: Justin Hager '12  
and his mother, Cheryl,  
with Vice President Joe Biden.

## STUDENT ADVOCATE FOR GAY RIGHTS ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION

**J**ustin Hager '12, a longtime activist for gay rights issues, recently received a once-in-a-lifetime invitation: to attend a special White House reception in celebration of LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) Pride Month. Invited by President and Mrs. Obama, Hager was nominated by CampusPride.org to attend the celebration, which took place in late June.

Over the past decade, Hager has actively pursued LGBT equality by founding multiple advocacy groups, assisting in the first Campus Pride National Out and Greek Conference for LGBT members of fraternities and sororities, and joining a high-profile national protest against the U.S. military's Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

Although Hager already has made a notable difference, he acknowledges that his long-term goal—to serve as an elected official—would be unattainable without first-rate legal training. “The education I’m receiving at UC Hastings is critical to making the move from an outside agitator to being a true change maker,” Hager says.

## EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO MANAGE DEBT

In response to growing concern about the increasing burden of law-school debt, Assistant Dean and Director, Financial Aid, **Linda Bisesi** has crafted a new program that focuses on how students are going to repay their loans.

“UC Hastings is one of very few schools doing educational borrowing counseling so students can make sound decisions about their finances,” says Jeffrey E. Hanson, PhD, president and founder of Jeffrey Hanson Education Services. Bisesi has asked Hanson to meet with and empower students.

“We are making an investment in students in high-debt situations by counseling them,” Hanson says. “UC Hastings’ program is the only one I know of that helps students come up with their own action plans. This is not exit counseling. If you educate them, they will appreciate it. They learn how far their future paychecks may go.”

Hanson looks at each student’s individual scenario and teaches the student how to manage his or her debt, as well as finances during the first 12 months out of school. His objective is “educating—not advising—students on what their options are so they can make well-informed choices.”

“Offering the financial counseling service to us was a fantastic and welcome idea,” **James Nolan '12** wrote by email. “I wish I had access to this on the first day of loan applications, and I sincerely hope that I will have access to Mr. Hanson’s advice in my final semester.”

“Already, we’ve seen that the service the College is providing has had a measurable, positive effect on our students,” says **Rupa Bhandari**, director, Student Services. “With a concrete action plan to manage their finances, they are becoming more empowered to reach their career goals.”





## Leo Martinez '78

### Traveling in the World of Ideas

**F**or Professor **Leo Martinez '78**, no legal education is complete without a foundation in international law. In fact, he is so committed to gaining and sharing international legal insights that he has become a sought-after speaker at universities and organizations around the world.

"As legal education becomes global, it is important to seek perspectives on one's fields," says Martinez, who in 26 years at UC Hastings has served as both academic dean and acting chancellor. "Now is a fabulous time to be engaged in this pursuit because nations all over the world are reexamining how they educate lawyers."

As a keynote speaker at the second 21<sup>st</sup> Century International Forum of Law School Deans and Jurists, held in 2010 at Renmin University in Beijing, Martinez discussed the transformations occurring in global legal education and the changes in the law school accreditation mechanism currently being undertaken by the American Bar Association.

Of paramount concern to new graduates is

the depressed job market, a subject that Martinez addressed in a recent talk at the International Association of Law Schools' annual conference in Buenos Aires. His speech offered an in-depth look at the practicalities of educating lawyers in a changing economic landscape.

Martinez's worldview has been shaped in part by his experience teaching abroad. He has taught at Leiden University in the Netherlands and Georg-August Universität in Germany, and lectured at Suzhou University in China and Nihon University in Japan, among others.

The tireless Martinez shows no signs of stopping. This fall, he will head to Madrid to present a paper at the 12<sup>th</sup> Global Conference on Environmental Taxation. "My aim," he says, "is to explain how tax code provisions that affect the environment are formulated with appallingly little input from environmental experts."

Certainly, if there is anyone who can lend a global perspective to this timely subject, it is UC Hastings' own well-traveled Leo Martinez.





## ► Professor William Dodge Moves to the U.S. State Department

In August, Professor **William Dodge** assumed a one-year position as Counselor on International Law to the Legal Adviser at the U.S. Department of State. The current Legal Adviser is Harold Hongju Koh, who heads an office of approximately 170 attorneys. The office handles all the State Department's legal work, from negotiating contracts for the construction of embassies, to defending the United States in international arbitrations, to advising on issues of recognition and sanctions with respect to Libya.

The position of Counselor on International Law is traditionally held by an academic, usually for one or two years. During the Carter Administration, it was held by Professor **Stefan Riesenfeld** of UC Hastings. An academic perspective can be valuable for State

Department attorneys because they often deal with issues that have a short time fuse and frequently don't have as much time as they would like to reflect on them.

Among Dodge's responsibilities will be coordinating with the Department of Justice on briefs in the U.S. Supreme Court and lower federal courts. Dodge, who served as a law clerk for Justice Harry A. Blackmun, has just finished coediting a comprehensive book called *International Law in the U.S. Supreme Court: Continuity and Change*. He also has written extensively on issues that arise in international litigation, from the extra-territorial reach of statutes to jurisdiction over human rights suits under the Alien Tort Statute. Professor Dodge will return to UC Hastings in the fall of 2012.



# MOOT COURT TEAM IS TOP IN THE COUNTRY



Fall 2010 competitors, from left: Vincent Lombardozi '11, Nicole Black '11, Matthew Tabo '12, Jared Palmer '12, Susan Tran '12, Yumi Nam '11, Kelly Foss '12, Ivy Paek '12, Kai Savaree-Ruess '11, Judy Yang '12.

With impressive showings at competitions around the country, the UC Hastings Moot Court program was awarded the No. 1 ranking in the nation. During the 2010–11 school year, the “Mooters” won four National Championships, three Regional Championships and the Traynor State Championship. The UC Hastings teams earned 18 brief awards and 20 individual oralist awards, including four National Best Oral Advocates and a Best International Oral Advocate trophy.

“We are extremely pleased that the UC Hastings Moot Court program has

received awards and honors from practitioners, professors and judges throughout the United States,” says **Toni Young '76**, Director of Moot Court and Legal Writing and Research. “Our national No. 1 ranking is a tribute to

the UC Hastings traditions of practical legal skills training and educating high-quality professionals who are prepared to meet the challenges of distinguished advocacy and writing careers.”

This Moot Court season was dedicated to Justice **Marvin Baxter '66** and Jane Baxter, for whom the state-of-the-art Justice Marvin and Jane Baxter Appellate Law Center is named.

“Our success is due to the involvement and support of our UC Hastings alumni, students and faculty who coach, judge and support our teams,” says Young. “We call ourselves the UC Hastings Moot Court family!”



Spring 2011 competitors, front row, from left: Caitlin Tallon '12, Angela McIsaac '12, Stephanie Kang '12, Madihha Ahussain '12, Jenna Morton '12. Back row: Nicolas Billings '12, Heidi Kalscheur '12, Julia Heming '12, Nick Deming '12, Sarah Gosling '12, Liam Knepprath-Malone '12.



## STUDENT VOLUNTEERS AID FILIPINO AMERICAN VETERANS

Dedicated to assisting Filipino Americans in the community as well as on campus and at other educational institutions, the Pilipino American Law Society (PALS) is one of UC Hastings' most active student organizations. The group organizes social, cultural and networking events throughout the academic year and is very engaged in reaching out to Filipino Americans in the legal field, undergraduate students who are considering legal careers, and the Filipino American community at large.

Among PALS' most significant contributions to the Filipino community is its work for the Veterans Equity Center, a San Francisco-based organization that provides Filipino American veterans of World War II with a wide array of services. Originally promised benefits for their wartime service to the United States, these veterans were denied these benefits by Congress in 1946, triggering decades of unsuccessful efforts to reverse this policy.

"Our volunteers help veterans with everything from filling out forms to understanding complex immigration policies," says **Carmelita Miller '13** (below), president of PALS. "Many of these veterans are very old, and soon there will be none left. It's important to let them know that younger generations of Filipino Americans care deeply about this injustice."



Meri Maffet '82

## SUPPORT FOR JAPANESE DISASTER RELIEF EFFORTS

"It started with an early morning email from one of our LLM students in Japan who had survived the March 11 earthquake. Within hours, students were meeting in my office to discuss relief and outreach activities," says **Meri Maffet '82**, director of International and Graduate Programs.

The result? A panel called *The Tsunami in Japan: Making Sense of It All* and a Japanese Tsunami Disaster Relief Fundraiser. The panel was arranged by **Eemaan Jalili '12**, **Fei Li '12**, **Greg Huber '12**, **Valicia Saucedo '12**, **Akiko Funatsu '11 LLM**, **Tomoko Kamikawa '10 LLM** and **Yukiko Sadaoka '10 LLM**. It featured Takemichi Nagaoka, Japan's consul general; Professor **Eric Sibbitt**; photographer Hiroyo Kaneko; and **Kyoko Tamura '11 LLM**. The panel explored the long-range effects of the disaster on Japan and the world at large.

Through fundraising events and matching donations from Minami Tamaki and Inspirational Opportunities for Youth and Seniors, the students made a significant contribution to disaster relief. To demonstrate continued support, students are creating an origami crane piece symbolizing hope to send to Japan.

In addition, **Masaya Uchino '11** started an online petition to encourage the expedition of mobile donations delivery. "I knew that money from mobile donations does not immediately reach the situation on the ground," Uchino says. The petition got the attention of Senator Barbara Boxer, who persuaded the major wireless companies to promptly remit mobile donations.

"It is a privilege to work with such vibrant, talented students who seek to improve our world on so many levels," says Maffet.





## MEETING OF THE MINDS

UC HASTINGS' ROGER J. TRAYNOR SUMMER PROFESSORSHIPS  
SPAWNS GOOD RELATIONSHIPS AND A WEALTH OF GREAT IDEAS

A summer program intended to raise UC Hastings' profile in the area of corporate law inspired high-power brainstorming, not to mention a new take on how to ward off future breakdowns in the U.S. financial system.

"The intensity of sitting in a room with people from other institutions who are looking at the same problems was invigorating," says Todd Henderson, a University of Chicago professor and one of four corporate law professors invited to UC Hastings' **Roger J. Traynor** Summer Professorships. The three-week program consisted of daily workshops in which participants presented a paper and subjected it to the group's tough questioning and discussion.

In addition to Henderson, UC Hastings invited Chris Brummer of Georgetown, Amanda Rose of Vanderbilt and Fred Tung of Boston University. Justice Roger J. Traynor's widow, Madeleine, created the program to honor her husband, who served on the Supreme Court of California for nearly 30 years and was a distinguished member of UC Hastings' Sixty-Five Club.

"These eminent, but young and energetic corporate lawyers were good for our new corporate

law professors, **Abe Cable** and **John Crawford**, to meet," says Professor **Evan Lee**, UC Hastings' associate dean for research, who organized the program. UC Hastings tax Professors **Susan Morse** and **Heather Field** also participated, as did corporate law Professors **William Wang** and **Frederick Lambert**. Faculty members from other areas attended as well, including **Richard Marcus**, **Kevin Tierney** and **John Malone**, as did professors from UC Berkeley and Stanford.

Lee and Henderson rave about the creativity and depth of exploration that the program generated. Most remarkable, they say, was an idea hatched by Henderson and Tung on how to incentivize financial regulators to ensure better results for investors. "The regulatory failure we just experienced was not a lack of resources or information, but a lack of courage," says Henderson. "Our idea is intended to make regulators act more aggressively."

Looking back on his time at UC Hastings, Henderson concludes that "it was a gift to engage with others without the groupthink that can spread within an institution. The ability to share insights leads to good work getting done."



# ADVANCING OUR DIALOGUE WITH CHINA

A recent trip to East Asia renewed partnerships, raised awareness and opened new doors.

UC Hastings Chancellor and Dean Frank H. Wu (center), Clinical Professor Carol Izumi (front row, fifth from right) and Alumni Center Executive Director Shino Nomiya (behind Dean Wu) were welcomed at a reception at the Beijing Ritan House Inn. UC Hastings thanks Jeff Layman '97 (front row, fifth from left) and the Beijing office of Baker Botts for their generous sponsorship of this event.







*In Shanghai, UC Hastings' representatives were received in the offices of White & Case. UC Hastings thanks John Leary '92 (sixth from left, beside Chancellor and Dean Frank H. Wu) and the Shanghai office of White & Case for their generous sponsorship of this event.*

Chancellor and Dean Frank H. Wu, Clinical Professor Carol Izumi and Alumni Center Executive Director Shino Nomiya recently traveled to China to meet alumni, employers and exchange partners, and to advance UC Hastings' global initiatives. The itinerary included visits to Beijing, Shanghai, Wuhan and Hong Kong.

In Beijing and Shanghai, the delegation met with UC Hastings' exchange partners: Peking University (Beida), China's leading educational institution, and Shanghai Jiao Tong University, the youngest of the nation's top law schools.

In each location, the delegation hosted alumni events as well as

met with individual alumni, such as **Jenny Ma '10** (see below), and prospective employers, who have demonstrated great interest in hiring UC Hastings alumni.

"The future of UC Hastings belongs within the world at large," says Dean Wu, "and our location gives us a special advantage along the Pacific Rim."

## JENNY MA '10: A CHINESE ODYSSEY

In recent years, increasing numbers of UC Hastings alumni have chosen to pursue legal careers in China. For **Jenny Ma '10** (opposite page, front row, third from left), who was born in China and is fluent in Mandarin, the path to Beijing was realized through opportunities offered by UC Hastings and support from alumni.

While studying international law at UC Hastings, Ma obtained a summer internship at the Beijing Arbitration Commission. She followed the internship with a semester at Peking University (Beida) as part of the UC Hastings exchange program. "My interest in China grew with each

experience—from the classroom to internships, study abroad and back to UC Hastings," says Ma.

With her JD in hand, Ma returned to Beijing to intern at King & Wood, where she worked with **Lenny Huang '02** on transnational intellectual property rights matters. She is now a compliance officer for Volkswagen Group China and is proud to be part of the largest auto company in China. "For young attorneys, China is living proof that the world is your oyster," says Ma. "There are amazing opportunities for a young lawyer to be part of history during this time of globalization and modernization."





# PROFESSORS WITHOUT BORDERS

UC HASTINGS' STELLAR FACULTY BOASTS A REMARKABLE NUMBER OF GLOBAL SCHOLARS, THOUGHT LEADERS AND GAME CHANGERS, INCLUDING UGO MATTEI, KEITH HAND, KAREN MUSALO, CHIMÈNE KEITNER AND NAOMI ROHT-ARRIAZA.



## UGO MATTEI PROTECTING THE COMMONS

PROFESSOR UGO MATTEI, A LONGTIME ACTIVIST AND RENOWNED EXPERT ON COMPARATIVE LAW, DIVIDES HIS TIME BETWEEN UC HASTINGS, WHERE HE HAS TAUGHT FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS, AND THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE IN TURIN, WHERE HE IS THE ACADEMIC COORDINATOR.

YET WITH ALL HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS, MATTEI IS PROUDEST OF A RECENT VICTORY HE ACHIEVED IN HIS NATIVE ITALY. FERVENTLY OPPOSED TO THE BERLUSCONI GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO PRIVATIZE WATER, MATTEI IS NOW VIEWED AS A LOCAL HERO WHO TOOK ON A DAVID-VERSUS-GOLIATH-SCALE BATTLE—AND WON.

### HOW IT STARTED

In November 2009, the Italian government decided to privatize the nation's entire water supply, effective December 2011. But putting a natural resource like water in private hands is dangerous. Water is not a commodity; it is a necessity. People can live only three days without it.

I was outraged. In my view, the commons belong neither to the state nor the private sector. People have to be given the legal tools to protect the commons for themselves, and certain things, like water, are nonnegotiable.

### MY COURSE OF ACTION

In Italy, we have a constitutional device called a referendum, but it is very difficult to apply. There are extremely demanding requirements. For one, you need half a million certified signatures in three months. For another, a referendum

is only valid if more than half the voters turn out to vote. Only very important issues—such as divorce and abortion, which both were introduced by referendum—can get people to vote in such numbers.

I thought the privatization of water was an issue for which a referendum could be successful. I drafted the question for the referendum in December 2009, and the following April, we started collecting signatures. As we got going, there was a spontaneous, word-of-mouth organization of 140,000 activists who volunteered to help. It was grassroots activism at its best. Our slogan was: "Water Is a Commons: No Profits on Water." It was a huge organizational effort, but it was relatively easy because people wanted to protect water. We collected 1.5 million signatures—triple what we needed.

Then we started the legal phase. It's not enough to

have the signatures; in Italy, you then have to argue in constitutional court that the referendum is admissible. We had this massive argument in court, and we won on all counts in January 2011.

The referendum took place on June 13. There were four votes on the ballot, including two that I wrote about water—one to stop the compulsory selling of water and the other to ban the possibility of making a profit on it. We had a 57 percent turnout—27 million people—which is massive. On top of that, 95 percent voted against the privatization of water.

Now, the whole political atmosphere is changing. This might even be the end of the Berlusconi government. It is amazing to me that I, an unknown law professor, could do this. It was truly the democratic process at work.

### LOOKING FORWARD

We have a responsibility to inspire and inform the next generation. That is why I wrote a children's book about water. I called it *Water and the Commons Explained to Boys and Girls*. It is now used in Italian schools. I wanted to show kids the value in thinking as a community and not just "me-me-me."

This whole process—and the extraordinary outcome we achieved—has been the biggest satisfaction in my career. I have always been an activist because I believe that law alone is incapable of changing anything. You need a combination of legal skills and political activism to be transformative, and that is what we accomplished here.



## KEITH HAND

### DECODING CHINESE LAW



KEITH HAND JOINED THE UC HASTINGS FACULTY IN 2009, FRESH FROM SERVING AS BEIJING DIRECTOR AND SENIOR FELLOW OF YALE LAW SCHOOL'S CHINA LAW CENTER. PREVIOUSLY, THIS ACCOMPLISHED EXPERT ON EAST ASIAN LAW WAS SENIOR COUNSEL TO THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON CHINA.

#### WHY EAST ASIAN LAW IS A VITAL FIELD

The rise of China and continued growth across the Pacific Rim present both enormous opportunities and significant challenges for the next generation of legal professionals. To prepare themselves to face these changes, students need to understand East Asian legal systems and legal culture, and learn to interact effectively with clients and counterparts from the region. This is true not only for students interested in cross-border transactional work. As I meet with federal prosecutors, patent attorneys, and public interest lawyers, it is clear that interactions with East Asian counterparts are increasingly important in their professional lives.

#### BRIDGING THE U.S.-CHINA LEGAL DIVIDE

Of course, China and the United States have very different political systems and legal cultures. It is essential that legal professionals in the two systems build mutual understanding and bridge that gap. Chinese legal professionals are adept at studying best practices around the world and then synthesizing and adapting them to fit China's legal

needs. We can offer China a wealth of problem-solving experience in legal fields from criminal procedure to securities regulation. And I think the United States can learn from China's effectiveness in exploring the practices and experiences of other legal systems.

#### WHAT'S ON MY RADAR

I am currently tracking developments related to the resolution of constitutional disputes in China and China's evolving attitudes toward international institutions such as the United Nations. China's constitution is not justiciable, and many believe it is little more than a political declaration. Over the last decade, however, China's constitution has played an increasingly important role in shaping both citizen demands and state responses to those demands through non-adjudicative processes. In the international arena, an increasingly confident China is shaping international decision making and dispute resolution outcomes with growing assertiveness. Both issues relate directly to the type of power that China will become and the path of China's future engagement with the international community.





## KAREN MUSALO

### REDEFINING THE GROUNDS FOR ASYLUM

THROUGHOUT HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER, KAREN MUSALO HAS ADVANCED THE JURISPRUDENCE OF ASYLUM LAW—AND INSPIRED COUNTLESS STUDENTS TO FOLLOW LAW’S HIGHEST CALLINGS. THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF UC HASTINGS’ CENTER FOR GENDER AND REFUGEE STUDIES (CGRS) AND REFUGEE AND HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC, MUSALO IS ALSO A HIGH-IMPACT COURTROOM LAWYER: RECENTLY, TWO CASES SHE LITIGATED, *MATTER OF L-R* AND *MATTER OF R-A*-, PROMPTED THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO DEFINE NEW STANDARDS FOR DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIMS SEEKING U.S. ASYLUM.

#### MY FIRST HIGH-PROFILE GENDER ASYLUM CASE

*Matter of Kasinga*: This 1996 decision set the precedent for women seeking to escape gender-based persecution—such as female genital cutting—to be eligible for asylum in the United States.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE *MATTER OF L-R* AND *MATTER OF R-A* CASES  
They were both closely

watched, important test cases on the issue of domestic violence as a basis for asylum protection, and their positive outcomes signaled an important new direction. We’ve been told by attorneys around the country—people with similar cases—that their cases have now started to be granted after being held in limbo for years. And of course, we’re also continuing to push the parameters of the refugee definition so it protects other marginalized groups—such as children and sexual minorities.

On a personal level, it has been incredibly satisfying. Just to see these advances, which directly and concretely benefit other human beings, women who fled to save their lives, makes me feel privileged to do this kind of work.

#### PRIORITIES FOR THE CGRS AND THE REFUGEE AND HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Our current fact-finding work focuses on Guatemala and

El Salvador, and we will be doing more on Haiti. We want to protect individuals fleeing persecution, but we also want to look for the root cause of human rights violations, and work to document the conditions and engage in strategies that attack problems at their core.

UC Hastings students in the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic completed fact-finding visits to El Salvador in October 2010 and April 2011 to investigate the legal system and how it’s applied, especially in situations of violence against women.

One of the most inspiring parts of this work is the people we work with in countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala and Haiti. There are incredibly courageous women lawyers and activists in these countries who have strategies they want to implement, and we see ourselves as partners, working with them to document and publicize the situations, and to advocate for change.





## CHIMÈNE KEITNER

### RETHINKING SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

NOW IN HER FIFTH YEAR AS A PROFESSOR AT UC HASTINGS, CHIMÈNE KEITNER IS A STAUNCH ADVOCATE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. HER PASSION FOR THE SUBJECT IS EVIDENT IN BOTH HER PROLIFIC WRITING AND HER WORK FOR THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, WHOSE ANNUAL MEETING SHE COCHAIRLED THIS YEAR. IN ADDITION, KEITNER, WHO TEACHES THE INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCENTRATION SEMINAR, AMONG OTHER COURSES, RECENTLY MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO A LANDMARK CASE HEARD BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT.

#### MY CONTRIBUTION TO A U.S. SUPREME COURT CASE INVOLVING SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY

*Samantar v. Yousuf* focused on Mohamed Ali Samantar, who was prime minister of Somalia in the 1980s. Somali expatriates living in the United States brought a suit against him for human rights abuses. The question was whether the 1976 Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA)—which may bar a suit against a foreign state or entity being sued in a U.S. court—may also bar a suit against an individual official.

I wrote an amicus brief looking at the history of relevant cases and existing case law. I tried to provide the court with the international law and common law backdrop to this issue. This was a statutory interpretation case about whether an individual can claim immunity under the FSIA. The court did what our brief urged it to do, which was to find that the statute did not apply without pronouncing prematurely on the common law and international law issues. In June 2010, the court reached a nine-to-zero decision—which in itself was noteworthy—with all the justices agreeing that Samantar was not eligible for immunity under the FSIA.

#### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CASE

This case raises several important questions, such as: Are U.S. courts ever an appropriate forum to litigate human rights cases against foreign officials for their actions overseas? What role should the U.S. State Department play?

What factors determine official immunity? Are civil and criminal cases different when it comes to immunity?

I have been writing scholarly articles about these issues that will likely culminate in a book. It has been especially rewarding to explore this area from a historical and comparative perspective, and to make a significant original contribution.

#### WHY TODAY'S LAW STUDENTS NEED A FOUNDATION IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

In today's globalized world, almost all legal careers will, at some point, involve issues that cross international borders. More and more law schools are realizing that lawyers must achieve a basic comfort level with these issues when they inevitably arise. There is also an increasing recognition of the interpenetration of domestic and international law across a range of practice areas.

UC Hastings has an impressive range of international programs and faculty members with expertise in foreign and international law. The faculty values both the theory and practice of law, helping students engage meaningfully in real-world problems, many of which are international.

In this way, UC Hastings provides students with the most sophisticated, cutting-edge tools available to think about legal problems that cross borders. This is valuable for all law students, whether or not they plan to practice international law.



## NAOMI ROHT-ARRIAZA ANALYZING DUAL LEGAL SYSTEMS IN AFRICA

NAOMI ROHT-ARRIAZA HAS WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON STATE AND CORPORATE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, OFTEN FOCUSING ON LATIN AMERICAN CASES. NOW, THE ACCLAIMED LEGAL SCHOLAR, WHO SPENT THE PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEAR AS A FELLOW WITH THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ITS RULE OF LAW DIVISION, IS ABOUT TO EXPLORE NEW TERRAIN. THE RECIPIENT OF A PRESTIGIOUS FULBRIGHT SENIOR SCHOLAR AWARD, SHE WILL SPEND NEXT SEMESTER RESEARCHING AND TEACHING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA. PROFESSOR ROHT-ARRIAZA WILL RETURN TO UC HASTINGS IN THE FALL OF 2012.



### MY RESEARCH IN BOTSWANA

I am fascinated by the intersection of customary law and the formal legal system, and I will be researching how these two systems coexist in Botswana. It is a challenging subject because there is—not just in Africa, but anywhere you have a formal legal system alongside an indigenous and informal justice system—a tendency for people to turn to customary law, mainly because the formal system does not always work well. These customary practices are also increasingly talked about in the context of post-conflict justice, which I have worked on for many years.

### THE CHALLENGE OF RECONCILING DUAL LEGAL SYSTEMS

Here is an example:

According to Botswana's customary law, a defendant has a public hearing in front of the whole village. If found guilty, he might be given some form of corporal punishment, such as a flogging. Of course, a human rights advocate might say that this goes against the United Nations Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which Botswana ratified. But what is cruel and degrading? Many Botswanans may believe it is worse to be thrown in jail—the outcome if he were tried in a court of law—than to be flogged.

There are also stories of how people use both systems in tandem to suit their needs. I heard of an individual who was flogged for disturbing the peace. The

customary chief dragged him in and beat him. Then, the individual turned around and sued the chief for assault in a court of law, using the formal system. The question I want to explore is: How can you reconcile these two systems?

### THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON INTERNA- TIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

The other research I've been doing recently is on climate change and human rights. There has been a shift in perception regarding climate change—that it is not just an issue of the environment, but also one of human rights, affecting people's livelihoods and communities. And I am interested in seeing if international human rights law can address a piece of this issue.

Some of the global efforts to reduce carbon emissions—with things like carbon offset projects and biofuels—have themselves profoundly affected people's livelihoods. We need to be careful not to create situations that lead to the displacement of entire communities in the name of reducing emissions. We can reduce emissions without harming people. There can't be a single-minded concern just to reduce carbon; we have to think about the rights of those people whose lives depend on the resources in question.

And the worst part of this is that we already know that human rights can be violated in the name of conservation. We have seen this movie before, and we should know better.





## KATHARINE ORLOVSKY '07 AND JENS IVERSON '07

### ■ On the Cutting Edge of Global Human Rights

**K**atharine Orlovsky '07 and Jens Iverson '07 are human rights advocates practicing in the relatively new fields of international criminal law and *jus post bellum*. Based in The Hague, this dynamic young married couple are building careers fueled by a shared passion for justice and a wide-ranging curiosity about the world.

After graduating from UC Hastings, Iverson worked for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia until April 2011, when he joined the University of Leiden's Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies. Now, as a researcher at the Grotius Centre, he is working on the *jus post bellum* project, an investigation into legal frameworks and best practices for the organization of post-conflict peace.

"I love being a practitioner—not just an activist but actually participating in the field of international criminal law," says Iverson. "It's making me a better lawyer and a better thinker about the law."

Orlovsky concurs. She spent her first postgraduate year consulting for social justice organizations, and in 2008 became a legal officer for Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice, an international women's human rights organization that monitors cases before the International Criminal Court (ICC) and assesses its progress in terms of gender justice. As part of her job, Orlovsky is helping organize the International Gender Justice Dialogue, a strategic conversation to strengthen accountability for gender-based crimes, to be held in Istanbul in 2012. "It's global thinking that is really groundbreaking," she says. "It's exciting to be involved in that."

Both Orlovsky and Iverson took advantage of numerous opportunities at UC Hastings to expand their exposure to international human rights law, including participating in the UC Hastings to Haiti Partnership and helping found the UC Hastings Human Rights Project for Haiti in 2004–05, of which Orlovsky was the student director. Both also partook of UC Hastings' exchange program with the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, where Orlovsky earned an LLM.

For these two advocates, the schooling never stops. "I consider myself in a learning moment all the time," says Orlovsky. "One, because this is a very complex developing area of the law. Two, because I am privileged to be in contact with so many people committed to social justice work. UC Hastings was very supportive of having a broader perspective. I continue to draw from the examples of some of the professors I had there, who showed me that law can be an interdisciplinary practice—and in order to reflect the complexity of human rights issues, it has to be."





# INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

THREE YOUNG ALUMNI— **KATHARINE ORLOVSKY '07**, **JENS IVERSON '07** AND **MARIA JULIANA ESCOBAR '10 LL.M.**—ARE PURSUING THEIR ABIDING PASSIONS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE HAGUE, THE SEAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT.









## MARIA JULIANA ESCOBAR '10 LLM

### ■ Seeking Justice Across Borders

Raised by legal professionals in Bogotá, Colombia, **Maria Juliana Escobar '10 LLM** knew she wanted to be a lawyer from an early age. After receiving her Colombian law degree in 2007, Escobar practiced as a criminal attorney in her home country before matriculating to UC Hastings' LLM program.

While at UC Hastings, Escobar got involved with the Refugee and Human Rights Clinic. She worked on a major project examining the effectiveness of El Salvador's legal system in protecting human rights for women victims of different kinds of gender-based violence. The clinic often represents clients seeking asylum based on gender violence or other forms of persecution, and Escobar's research complemented that work. "The situation of gender-based violence is a big concern nowadays," she says. "There is a strong movement for the recognition of different forms of gender violence and adequate investigation of and punishment for it."

Escobar traveled to El Salvador with her supervisor and mentor, UC Hastings Professor Karen Musalo, to collect data, conduct interviews and identify key contacts in the country, and recalls her relationship with Musalo as a highlight of her time at UC Hastings. "I got from her a deep motivation and passion for justice for those who are discriminated against or harmed because of their gender," Escobar says.

Escobar's thirst for international criminal law and human rights experience persisted after she received her LLM degree, so she moved to The Hague. At the International Criminal Court, where she is currently an intern, Escobar conducts research, analyzes evidence and works on early drafts of decisions as part of a judiciary team.

When her internship ends this fall, Escobar plans to continue working in international and criminal law, although she isn't sure which corner of the globe her career will take her to. Colombia, California, El Salvador, The Hague—wherever she ends up next, it's safe to assume that the curious Escobar will continue to soak up knowledge from her newest colleagues.

"It's amazing how much you can learn in an international setting, as well as how much you can contribute with your own background and experience," Escobar says. "You just have to open your mind and learn from everyone."



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# PACIFIC RIM PRACTITIONERS

**MATTHEW HULT '98, JAMES BANG '87 AND YOUNG-IL CHOI '86** APPLY CROSS-CULTURAL  
LEGAL SKILLS TO A WIDE RANGE OF CASES INVOLVING EAST ASIAN CLIENTS.



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## MATTHEW HULT '98

### ■ Advancing IP Law in Taiwan

**M**atthew Hult '98 didn't enter UC Hastings with plans for an international law career. But in retrospect, it all makes sense.

"It's actually not surprising," he says now. "We're on the edge of the Pacific Rim, and the social and economic ties to Asia are very strong here and growing. And being on the *UC Hastings International and Comparative Law Review* made me think that seeing how different legal systems and cultures mix could be interesting."

Today, Hult is a partner of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and serves as the managing partner for the firm's Taipei office, traveling there six or more times per year. In addition to representing United States-based clients in commercial and intellectual property disputes, he represents Taiwanese clients who run into legal issues in the United States.

In one such case, he helped represent Taiwanese company Compal Electronics, which makes notebook computers for major brand-name suppliers, and its California-based subsidiary Bizcom Electronics. Korea-based LG Electronics sued Hult's clients, and several other Taiwanese computer manufacturers, for patent infringement in the Northern District of California. After Hult's clients won summary judgment at the trial court, the Federal Circuit reversed the decision. Hult's clients and the other defendants sought and were granted certiorari from the United States Supreme Court. In *Quanta Computer Inc. v. LG Electronics Inc.*, the court was unanimous in reversing the Federal Circuit and providing an updated statement of the law of patent exhaustion, otherwise known as the "first sale" doctrine, which has important consequences, especially in the world of high-tech and consumer electronics.

Working with clients in consumer electronics as well as biotechnology, Hult often reaches back to his science background; he majored in biology as an undergraduate and worked as a medical researcher before coming to UC Hastings. "I've always liked knowing how things work, and I've always been curious about how technology and science relate to and affect society," Hult says.

Learning about business and law in a different part of the world has also made Hult appreciate human commonalities. "You see that we are all dealing with the same issues to be successful in our professional pursuits yet lead a balanced personal life," he says.

Despite the long hours he must keep due to the 15-hour time difference between California and Taiwan, Hult manages to maintain a relationship with the Pacific Rim school that incubated his career in international law, having recently joined UC Hastings' Board of Governors.

"It's a wonderful way to serve not just the school, but also the state," Hult says. "I'm a native Californian, and my education has always been public, so it's a great way to give back."



## JAMES BANG '87

### ■ Cultural Chameleon

Born in Asia and educated in the United States, **James Bang '87** has spent much of his career traveling between the two—both literally and figuratively—in his work representing multinational Korean, Japanese and American corporations.

"I understand the customs and practices of these different cultures," says Bang, who has been with Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp in Los Angeles for nearly eight years. "I'm in and out of them all the time, every day." Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp is a premier mid-size law firm based in Los Angeles, with offices in New York and Washington, D.C.

Legal disputes often arise because "of a lack of understanding, a miscue, because people do things differently in different countries," Bang says. He gets great satisfaction from using his multicultural understanding to "reestablish what really happened."

Of course, that doesn't always mean the two sides realize what went wrong, acknowledge it and engage in a group hug. One of Bang's cases resulted in a seven-digit settlement for a Korean company involved in a power plant project in the United States.

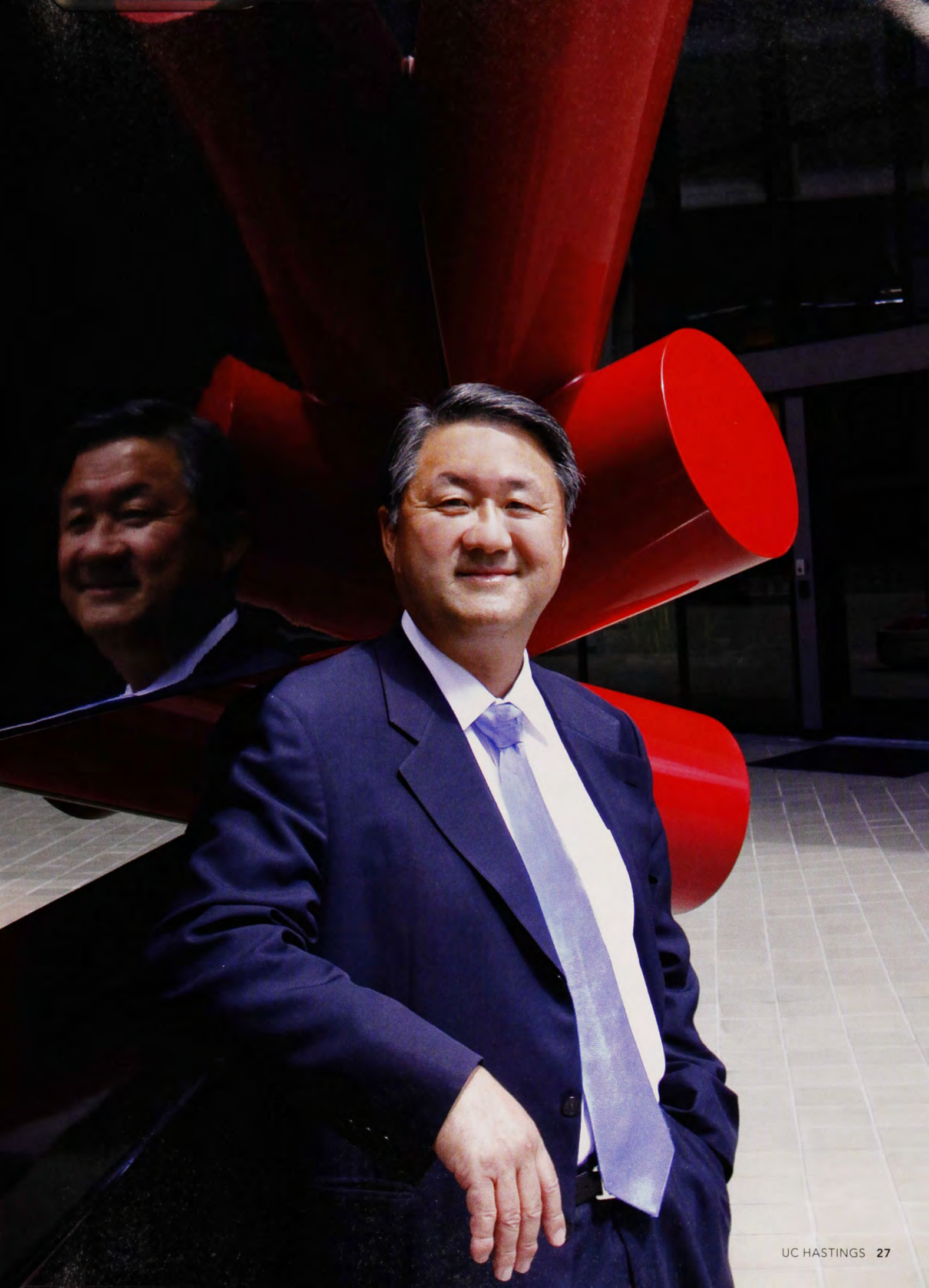
Bang is hardly a stranger to big, high-impact cases. In the mid-1990s, when the international community struck a deal with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) to stop developing a nuclear arsenal in exchange for two light water reactors, Bang helped negotiate the agreement between the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization and North Korea. In the process, he racked up a big chunk of the million or so miles he has traveled for his work, shuttling between New York, Belgium, China and North Korea.

Now, at Mitchell Silberberg & Knupp, Bang is in such demand as a litigator that he has had to turn down five cases in the past few months. He says he spends about 5 percent to 10 percent of his time handling *pro bono* cases, including establishing and representing nonprofit organizations such as the Korean International Music Foundation and the Soongsil University Scholarship Fund.

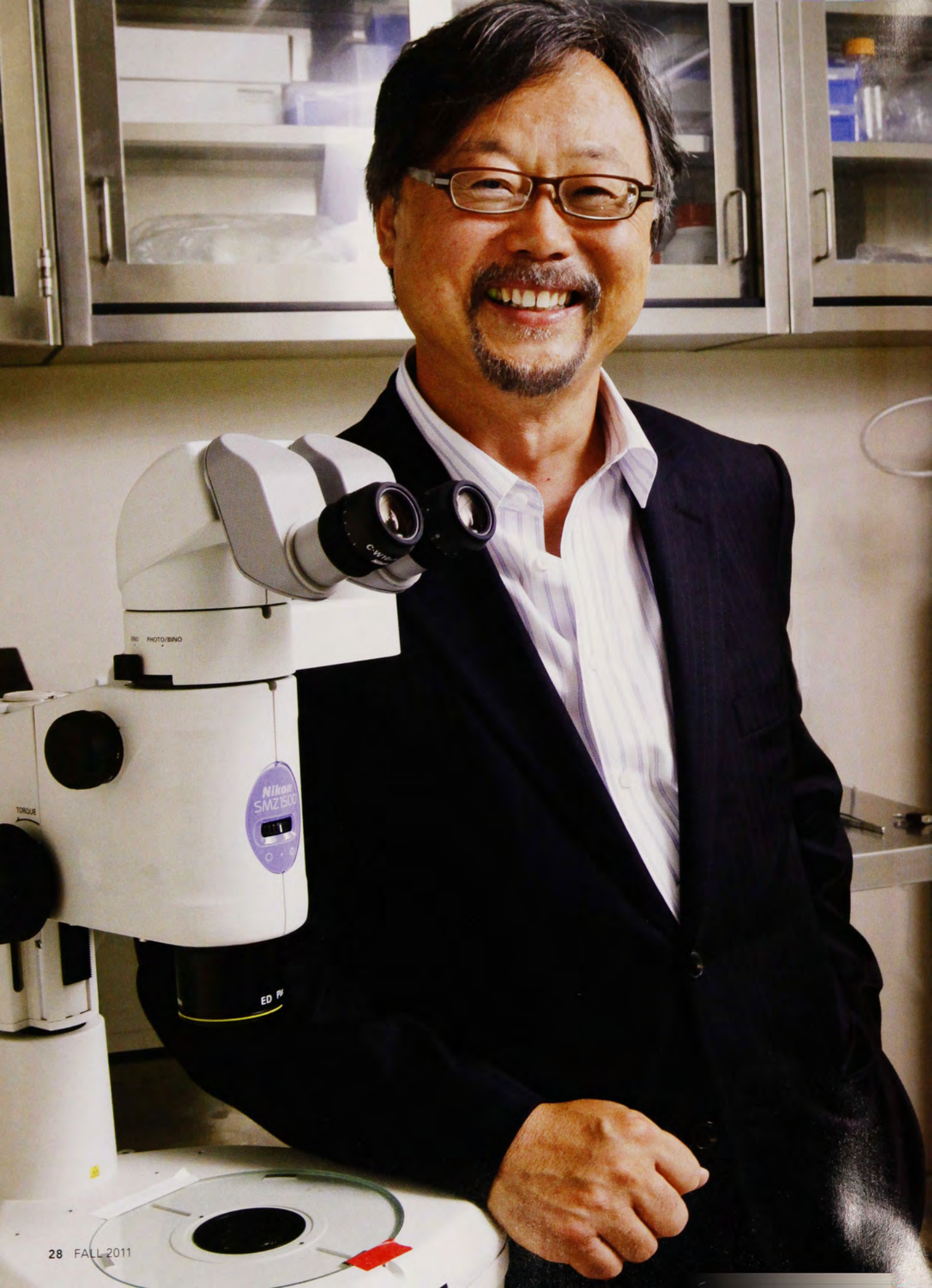
Bang traces his career training back to a negotiating class he took at UC Hastings, a time he looks back on as stressful but crucial to his development. "I remember hating that class," he says, laughing, "but it gave me a good groundwork to be able to deal with all kinds of cases."

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**YOUNG-IL CHOI '86**■ **Versatility Down to a Science**

You'll never mistake **Young-il Choi '86** for someone who's narrow-minded. "I definitely haven't followed the typical path," he admits with a chuckle.

As a UC Hastings student, the Korean-born Choi reveled in the school's smorgasbord of learning opportunities, taking classes in corporate litigation, Native American law and criminal procedure, among other subjects. After graduation and passing the bar in the States, he worked in international finance law at a major Korean law firm before teaching trade and investment law at the University of London in England and earning his British solicitor's license. He went on to work at Baker & McKenzie (London), Samsung (Seoul), and Bae, Kim & Lee (Seoul), specializing in cross-border transactions. He later spent time in Canada and New England as well.

Today, Choi works in Los Angeles for CHA Health Systems, Korea's largest private health company, with more than 30 hospitals and affiliated biotech companies around the world. Known for its cutting-edge work in biotechnology, CHA has a renowned fertility clinic and is among the vanguard that uses stem cells to treat sports injuries and various medical conditions. "It was a new arena for me when I started," Choi says of entering the world of cell biology. "But it's become fascinating to get involved in."

Seven years ago, Choi began as CHA's director of legal affairs in Southern California, overseeing a complicated set of maneuvers as the company acquired a 470-bed general, acute-care hospital in Los Angeles. But his role has grown since; after dropping "legal affairs" from his title, he now manages much of CHA's Southern California operation. He says he enjoys focusing on areas beyond legal work, although he adds, "It's still invaluable having that foundation."

Choi coordinates CHA's American interests with the company's head brass in Korea and develops partnerships with global biotech and stem cell leaders. "I'm working more and more like an executive of a venture company," he says.

Managing with an international emphasis brings an assortment of rewards and challenges. "Slight misunderstandings of cultural norms can make business dealings difficult, so you always have to keep your antennae up," Choi explains. "But it's fantastic. You really get to appreciate different cultures. I also cannot emphasize enough how important it is to acquire proficiency in second and third languages: It will open many opportunities in this increasingly global environment."

That receptive outlook has served Choi well through a successful career as varied as his abundant skills. And Choi traces his journey back to his time at UC Hastings. "The scope of courses was so rich that I was able to fulfill a whole spectrum of interests," he says. "That still fuels my passion for a range of issues as I continue to get involved in different career paths."

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## FRANCIS SCARPULLA '67

### • Antitrust Expert for a New Europe

Antitrust master **Francis Scarpulla '67** has a remarkably international career for someone who grew up in San Francisco, attended UC Hastings and has practiced law in the city for more than four decades.

As a law student, Scarpulla reveled in the days of the Sixty-Five Club, when UC Hastings hired retired faculty from top law schools around the country. "A lot of them had practiced law and weren't just academics," Scarpulla recalls. "Something a lot of people don't learn in law school is how to actually practice law, so that really helped."

After passing the bar, Scarpulla embarked on a sterling domestic career, working on numerous federal antitrust class actions. In 2005, the Antitrust Section of the California State Bar named him Antitrust Lawyer of the Year. In 2006, he joined the firm Zelle Hofmann as a partner in its San Francisco office, after more than 35 years of running his own practice.

But it was in 2009 that Scarpulla's path took a truly global turn, when he became a solicitor in the United Kingdom. (Traditionally, solicitors advise clients while their counterparts—barristers—represent the litigants in court.) Now, his antitrust expertise is highly valued in a European Union that is still developing class action procedures.

"They want to figure out how to get money to consumers who have been injured by price fixing," Scarpulla says. "They don't know how to do it, but I have been doing it for 45 years."

While Scarpulla's European credentials benefit Zelle Hofmann's international clients, his global work focuses more on big-picture policy questions. He has been to France to advise on restitutions, traveled to London to lecture on antitrust case mediation, and is an active member of the International Bar Association. He even consults in Canada, though he can't practice there.

"I get to meet lawyers from all around Western Europe and judges who sit on different competition courts," Scarpulla says. "It has a lot of professional advantages."

After a long and lauded career capped by an expansion into international law, it's easy to imagine Scarpulla retiring into the sunset. But he sees no appeal in that and even hints at further global growth. "I'm never going to slow down," he says. "I'm thinking of taking the Canadian bar, too."

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**M**ichael Kelly '76 is as big-league as they come. The San Francisco personal injury attorney has handled more than 150 cases in which his clients received at least \$1 million via mediation, arbitration, settlement or trial.

Kelly's charismatic courtroom persona hasn't just been successful with jurors; it also has made him a hit trainer of trial lawyers overseas. Kelly estimates he has made some 10 trips to Europe and Asia in the past 12 years, training foreign attorneys in the art of persuasion. His passion for teaching is rooted partially in an inspirational cadre of classmates he knew at UC Hastings.

Kelly says that a cohort of Vietnam War veterans who had returned recently from Southeast Asia provided a counterpoint to the academic malaise of some other students at that time. "For a lot of people fresh from an undergraduate education, law school was just one more step in the process," he recalls, "but these classmates, who had been in war—some in prison camps—were incredibly excited to be in law school and immersed in the academic process. It was a positive influence on the rest of us." Their interest in the law energized Kelly and others.

In a similar vein, when teaching foreign lawyers today, Kelly says, "The hook for me is seeing the personal growth, excitement and satisfaction they get from learning about our adversarial system."

Kelly's first teaching trip abroad was in 1999, when he visited Northern Ireland. More recently, he traveled to Japan to help lawyers there adapt to a new modified jury trial system. For more than 50 years, panels of three judges were the triers of fact in Japanese criminal cases. When the Japanese constitution was amended to add juries of six citizens to deliberate with the three-judge panels, all Japanese trial lawyers had to learn trial presentation skills for the first time.

"They never had any practice or training in advocating to anyone other than professional judges," Kelly explains. "They had never considered using visual aids, vocal inflection or even hand gestures. They would ask questions of witnesses while looking at the floor." Kelly helped the Japanese lawyers tailor their arguments, proof and examinations for the layperson.

"The Japanese lawyers have been phenomenal," he says. "They appreciate the historical significance of what they're doing and the national shift it has produced in their participatory democracy."

Kelly also has taught in England, the Republic of Georgia and Scotland, and worked stateside with visiting lawyers from China, Japan, South America, Kosovo and Moldova. And the personal injury specialist is headed back to Japan this November to do an advanced training program.

"You've got to be willing to share," Kelly says. "It's like the old Mercedes advertising slogan: Some things are too important to keep to yourself."

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**MICHAEL KELLY '76**  
• Mentoring International Attorneys







# The UC Hastings to Haiti Partnership

► For more than a decade, UC Hastings students have participated in a mutually enriching exchange with a pioneering law school in Haiti

In the remote southwestern corner of Haiti—the poorest, most beleaguered country in the Western Hemisphere—there is a profoundly inspiring enterprise in higher education. It is the École Supérieure Catholique du Droit de Jérémie (ESCDROJ), a law school dedicated to training lawyers with a passion for social justice and a vision for building a new Haiti.

In the last 10 years, UC Hastings has developed a special relationship







with ESCDROJ, offering students from both institutions extraordinary opportunities to grow professionally. Founded by Professor **Karen Musalo** and Professor **Richard Boswell** as an offshoot of their asylum work with the Haitian American community in the Bay Area, the UC Hastings to Haiti Partnership has become one of the law school's most remarkable student-run organizations.

"From our scholarship and experience representing Haitians in clinical settings, Karen and I had seen the problems faced by many immigrants forced out of Haiti," says Boswell. "But we also wanted to see how the legal system could be improved in their own

country. ESCDROJ is a school that wants to make life better for people, and we felt that establishing an exchange with them would be a positive project that would see results."

Now, every year for one week, a delegation of UC Hastings students and faculty members travels to Jérémie, Haiti, to meet with, mentor, and learn from their counterparts at ESCDROJ, and bring them much-needed supplies and computers.

"All the UC Hastings students who participate are passionate about serving the greater good," says **Yaelle Shaham '12**, the organization's current president. "The Haitian students are so motivated to learn, but lack so many resources. Most of them work full-time and go to the law school at night, so they are so grateful for what we can offer them."

Shaham traveled to ESCDROJ in May of this year with five other students and faculty members. (The delegation cancelled its scheduled trip in 2010 due to the massive earthquakes that devastated Haiti.) They concentrated their efforts on helping ESCDROJ establish a criminal law clinic and conducted a simulation to give the Haitian students experience interviewing clients and role-playing as lawyers.

But in many ways, the UC Hastings students gain as much if not more from the experience.

"This program opens their eyes to how the legal system can be used on behalf of people facing inequality and injustice," explains Musalo. "It gives our students an opportunity to consider how they can make a real difference in the world with their law degrees."

One of the faculty members joining Shaham and Musalo on this recent trip was Associate Professor **David Takacs '08**, who has the unique vantage point of experiencing the program both as a law student in 2007 and now as a professor. "UC Hastings to Haiti is one of our shining-star programs," he says. "It offers our students visceral, meaningful, hands-on experience in the field of international human rights, and it is quite a series of epiphanies for everyone who participates. It gives you real perspective on something we tend to take for granted: how the rule of law can help fulfill lives of basic dignity."

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# class notes

## NEWS ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES AND COLLEAGUES

On March 22, **Claire Mao** and **Marchela lahdjian** were honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP).

**Jenn Yan Fei** recently started her own family law firm, Howard & Fei. She and her partner focus on divorce, domestic partnership dissolution, child support and custody, and spousal support, among other areas. The firm serves the areas of Contra Costa and Alameda counties.

~ **Anthony Isola** is an associate at Smith Dollar, a firm in Sonoma County, practicing business and real estate litigation. ~ Prior to joining Hanson Bridgett,

**Leah Sykes** worked in the family law unit for the Greater Boston Legal Service. She assisted in all aspects of divorce and paternity cases representing low-income women who are victims of domestic violence. ~ **Aimee Kelley** is an associate in the San Francisco office of Ropes & Gray, where she practices health-care law.

**Adam C. Lowry** is an associate in the litigation department at Tonkon Torp in Portland, Oregon. He earned his JD summa cum laude, Order of the Coif and was a member of the *Hastings Law Journal* and the Thurston Society. A summer associate at Tonkon Torp and at

Latham & Watkins, Adam also was a judicial extern. ~

**Yin Zhou** married Leland Cheung in May 2011 in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Celebrating with the happy couple were classmates

**Billy Andersen, Matt Saxon, Sophia Chang, Kristen Driskell** and **Erica Feldman-Boshes**.

~ On March 22, **Dan Vermillion** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Dan received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

**Jim Brenner** has accepted a position at Wilson Sonsini

Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto where he will be primarily representing venture-backed companies practicing corporate governance, and corporate finance. ~ **Diana S.**

**Genasci** is with Day Carter and Murphy in Sacramento. She currently practices energy law and regulatory matters in the natural gas and electricity sector. She married Geno Genasci on June 26, 2010. They celebrated their marriage with a party in Geno's 101-year-old barn located on his family ranch in Loyalton. She wrote, "It was a blast!" ~ **Francesco Quarta's** PhD thesis, "The Deterrent Effect of Tort Law," published by Edizioni Scientifiche Italiane, Naples 2010, was recently awarded a prize by the Committee of Rectors of Italian University and the Italian Ministry of Equal Opportunities, in the fields of antidiscrimination and promotion of human



rights. ~ **Dia Montecillo** is an attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid, where she represents the legal needs of low-income domestic violence survivors. After working as a public defender, she now practices family law, immigration, housing and public benefits. ~ **Tim Phillips** is an employment attorney with Albert G. Stoll Jr. | A Law Corporation. He represents employees who have experienced unlawful discrimination, harassment or retaliation, or whose employers have improperly denied them overtime, commissions or the minimum wage. Tim is also a member of the Executive Board of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

~ **Andrew "Drew" M. Holmes** recently moved laterally from Mayer Brown (Palo Alto) to Quinn Emanuel (San Francisco) as an IP litigation associate.

~ On March 22, **Robert Rathmell** was honored

by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As a member of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, he received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award. ~ **Jacqueline Canlas-La Flam** and **Edward (Ned) Arens** were married in September 2010 in San Francisco. Ned and Jacque met their first year at UC Hastings in LW&R class. They live in Oakland.

Dykema announced that **Dirk Soung Burley** has joined the firm's litigation department as an associate, resident in the Los Angeles office. Dirk's practice focuses on general commercial litigation matters. Most recently he was a law clerk for the Honorable Arthur L. Alarcon in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

~ **Timothy Tau** recently finished directing and

writing "Law & Chicoban," the pilot episode of a new Web series called *Quantum Cops*, and he will be releasing the pilot episode as a short film at various film festivals. Timothy encourages you to "like" the Facebook page for the series at [www.facebook.com/quantumcops](http://www.facebook.com/quantumcops). Currently, he is shooting a music video for YouTube music sensation Megan Lee and is at work on a hybrid documentary/narrative that focuses on the pioneering Asian American actors of the 1920s and '30s and the silent film era.

~ On March 22, **Francis Shehadeh** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Francis received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

**Audrey Jing** is an associate in the Los Angeles office of Kelley Drye & Warren,



Dina Haddad '06

where she represents and advises entertainment companies and broadcasters in connection with a variety of claims, including copyright, idea submission, employment, insurance, breach of contract and disputes before the Motion Picture Association of America. She lives in Santa Monica with her husband, Ken, who is in his fourth year of residency in urology at USC. ~ **Dina Haddad** opened Families First Mediation Practice, a family law practice with offices in San Jose and Culver City, in July 2011. Dina is excited to offer divorcing couples a more affable and cost-





Eric Casher '06

effective way to divorce.

In June 2011, Dina was on the *Law and You*, a Bay Area television program featuring local legal scholars, to discuss "Signs Your Relationship Is in Trouble & What to Do." She also volunteers as judge pro tem for Santa Clara County's personal property arbitration. ~ Meyers Nave associate **Eric Casher** has been named to the National Bar Association's 2011 Nation's Best Advocates: 40 Lawyers Under 40 list.

~ **Lauren Cappelloni** married Keith Welter this spring in a private ceremony on the beach in Maui. She is a wills and trusts attorney

at Botto Law Group in San Francisco. ~ **Simona Agnolucci** and **Elias Batchelder** welcomed their son, Luca, in April. Simona practices appellate law and securities litigation at Howard Rice. Elias works for the Office of the State Public Defender representing death row inmates in their criminal appeals. ~ On March 22, classmates **Eric Boeing**, **Daniel Lebel**, **Marc Belloli**, **Kristin Cornuelle** and **Janet Simmonds** were honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As members of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, they each received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

On March 22, classmates **Kathleen McConnell**, **Mary Moycik** and **Mike Monagle** were honored

by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As members of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, they each received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

*Pennsylvania Super Lawyers* magazine named **Jessica M. Beckett-McWalter** to the Pennsylvania Rising Stars list for 2011. Jessica is an associate with Pepper Hamilton and focuses her practice on commercial litigation matters. Each year, no more than 5 percent of the lawyers in Pennsylvania are named to *Super Lawyers* and no more than 3 percent are named to the Rising Stars list.

~ **Jason Hepps** received his master's in public policy from Princeton University Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

He returns to his position with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and is now based in Montenegro helping the government build its asylum system and integrate refugees remaining there since the conflict in the '90s. Jason's wife, **Laura**

**Cunial '03 LLM**, will continue her work with the Norwegian Refugee Council in Montenegro. ~ **Brian Malloy** was selected to Northern California Rising Stars 2011 by *Super Lawyers*. He previously received this distinction in 2010. Brian is with the Brandi Law Firm in San Francisco, where he lives with his wife, Aimee. ~

**Katie Scott** recently helped open a Silicon Valley office for Dickstein Shapiro. She assists technology companies with intellectual property and competition disputes. ~ On March 22, **Lauren Russell** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of

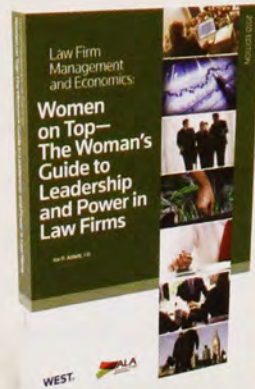


the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Lauren received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

**Sarah Leger** is a partner with the San Rafael law firm of Ragghianti Freitas. Her civil litigation practice focuses on complex business litigation and management-side labor and employment law. She is also the incoming president of the Richard M. Sangster Inn of Court (Marin/Napa/Sonoma). On a personal note, on March 9, Sarah and her husband welcomed their first son, Charlie. ~ On March 22, **Nate Bruno** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Nate received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service

## IN PRINT

Noteworthy publications by UC Hastings alumni



**Ida Abbott '75, *Women on Top—The Woman's Guide to Leadership and Power in Law Firms* (Thomson Reuters, 2010)** In

this book, Abbott explains what law firms must do to retain talented women lawyers and help them become effective leaders. She examines the challenges that leadership presents for women; describes how law firm politics, structure, and culture affect leadership; and highlights leadership paths that women can choose within that context. Abbott is a cofounder, with Professor **Joan Williams**, and director of the UC Hastings Leadership Academy for Women.

**SCOTT R. HOYT**



**TWO YEARS OF ETERNITY**

*One Missionary's Experience*

**Scott R. Hoyt '80, *Two Years of Eternity: One Missionary's Experience* (Vantage Press, 2010)** In this autobiographical account, Hoyt

recounts the mission he experienced in Peru from 1972 to 1974. Hoyt describes his transition from "normal teen life" in Southern California to becoming a Mormon missionary on the streets of Peru. Throughout the book, the author offers insights for those considering going on a mission, as well as how to serve effectively on one.



**Dean Mark Sundahl '01, *A New Working Bibliography of Ancient Greek Law* (Academy of Athens Press, 2011)** Sundahl

edited this resource on ancient Greek legal scholarship along with David Mirhady and Ilias Arnaoutoglou. The book contains a comprehensive bibliography of scholarship on ancient Greek law during the archaic and classic periods from the seventh to the fourth centuries B.C.



award. ~ Hanson Bridgett is pleased to announce the addition of **Michael J. Gorback** as counsel in its Silicon Valley office. Mike was previously in the corporate practice of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati. ~ **Jack Chen** is a senior attorney at Microsoft Corporation, where his practice focuses on immigration advocacy and compliance. He is also one of the 2011 fellows for the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. ~

**Laura Cunial (LLM)**, an information, counseling and legal assistance adviser for the Norwegian Refugee Council covering Asia and East Africa, is now based in Montenegro. She recently published, with NRC, a training manual on housing, land and property rights and led trainings in Sudan, occupied Palestinian territories, Afghanistan and Switzerland (see **Jason Hepps '04**). ~ **Emanuel Shirazi** was named a

Southern California Rising Star in labor and employment law by *Super Lawyers* magazine for the second consecutive year. ~ **Chris Wrabel** is now the bankruptcy attorney at Morris Law Group, which serves El Dorado Hills and the Sacramento area. ~ Crowell & Moring is pleased to announce it has promoted **Nathaniel P. Bualat** to the position of counsel.

**Christine Gonong** wrote to say that she and about 10 UC Hastings graduates recently had a baby shower for classmate **Cindy Chiang**. ~ On March 22, **Melissa Tapply** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As a member of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, she received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award. ~ **Nicole Bradley Briggs**

celebrates the one-year anniversary of her real estate law practice. She married Jon Bradley in the summer of 2011. ~ **Brian M. Jazaeri** was elevated to partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius. Brian is resident in Morgan Lewis's Los Angeles office where he focuses on commercial litigation, with an emphasis in the financial services, health-care and technology industries.

**Lee Kaster** is a solo practitioner with offices in Walnut Creek and San Francisco. He practices in the areas of estate planning, Medical planning, probate, trust administration, conservatorships, trusts and estates litigation and civil litigation. He lives in Oakland with his wife and two children. ~ **Randall Ingber's** family has recently moved to London after three years in Southeast Asia. He is now senior

counsel for corporate relations and antitrust at Diageo, the world's leading premium drinks business involving spirits, beer and wine. He would love to hear from other alums pursuing international careers as well as younger alums looking for insights into in-house work. ~ **Dean Fealk** was selected for a 40 Under 40 Leadership Award by the New Leader's Council, a national nonprofit dedicated to supporting the next generation of progressive political entrepreneurs. ~ On March 22, **Peter Burns** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Peter received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award. ~ **Christian Marsh** has joined Downey Brand as a partner in San Francisco. He practices natural resources and land use law, and in May argued



an important CEQA case in the California Supreme Court.

On March 22, **Jason Erlich** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Jason received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award. ~ **Tara Deukmedjian-Couture** is the name partner of Couture Law, focusing on civil litigation with an emphasis on personal injury and corporate law.

Meyers Nave is pleased to announce that the firm elevated **Greg Newmark** to principal. ~ The Glendale City Council confirmed the appointment of **Michael J. Garcia** as the new city attorney effective September 2.

**Javad Mostofizadeh** is a partner at Gunderson Dettmer in Menlo Park, where he practices in fund formation and tax groups. ~ **Helen K. Yi** and James Choi welcomed Andrew James on August 26, 2010. Helen continues to serve as vice president and general counsel at the Matteson Companies. ~ **Steve Coopersmith** is the managing attorney at the Coopersmith Law Firm, a growing boutique business litigation firm in downtown San Diego. Steve recently received an AV Preeminent peer review rating from the Martindale-Hubbell directory. ~ The National Association of Environmental Professionals named a section of greenway built upon a remediated scrap yard near downtown Evansville, Indiana, as the winner of the 2011 National Environmental Excellence Award in the category of environmental stewardship. Indianapolis

attorney **Michael O. Nelson** of Hunsucker Goodstein & Nelson represented the property owner in a lawsuit that helped secure the project's funding.

**Michele Simon** has started her own consulting business: Eat Drink Politics, specializing in food and beverage policy and politics. Her book, *Appetite for Profit: How the Food Industry Undermines Our Health and How to Fight Back* (published in 2006) continues to sell. She would love to hear from alumni practicing consumer protection litigation.

~ **Michael Kernan** is teaching entertainment law, and social media law and business at UC Hastings. He wrote an article in July's *California Lawyer* magazine on the case of *D.G.A. v. Harmony Pictures* and its impact on business disputes in California. ~ Fox Rothschild is pleased



Armand Der-Hacopian '95

to announce that **Lawrence C. Hinkle II** has joined the firm as partner in the litigation department in the firm's Los Angeles office. ~ Following graduation, **Armand Der-Hacopian** cofounded a software start-up. He sold out after a few years and joined established high-tech companies where he led sales. However, he went back to start-ups a couple of years ago and launched a managing consulting firm specializing in revenue generation. Company number three, LEAP, is a San Francisco residential/commercial real estate company. Armand lives in San Francisco and



would love to reconnect:

armand@leapsf.com. ~

**Kelly Reagan** received the 2011 Judge James C. Paine “Unsung Hero” Award from the judges of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. The award is given annually to a lawyer who has selflessly served the court and contributed to the practice of law in the Southern District of Florida.

**Leslie Sara Hyman** is shareholder at Cox Smith in San Antonio, Texas. Hyman is the past chair of the Antitrust and Business Litigation Section of the State Bar of Texas and vice chair of the Federal Courts Committee of the San Antonio Bar Association.

~ **Matt Burrows** is the general counsel for the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART). ~ As the principal and the managing partner of the Law Office



*Craig Holden '94*

of Carina Castaneda, **Carina Castaneda** remains committed to the firm’s growth. Her firm specializes in criminal law defense, family law and immigration, focusing on removal proceedings based on prior criminal conviction. She is married to Ryan Okabe of Okabe & Haushalter, with offices in Redondo Beach, Beverly Hills and Las Vegas. The couple have a three-year-old son, Christopher. ~ On March 22, **Elizabeth Howard** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP).



*Karen Carrera '92*

As a member of the top 10 percent of VLSP’s volunteers, she received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award. ~ **Craig Holden** is a partner in the Los Angeles office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard and Smith. He emphasizes litigation and counseling in varied aspects of business and intellectual property law. He is currently chair of the State Bar’s Council on Access and Fairness, as well as one of 50 select members of the RAND Corporation’s Southern California 50 Leadership Council.

Since 2009, **Diane Sovereign** has been the consul general for the U.S. Consulate in Wuhan, China.

**Shelline Bennett**, managing partner in the Fresno office of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, has become chair of the Federal Litigation Section of the Federal Bar Association. Prior to becoming chair, Shelline served as the vice chair and secretary/Treasury for the organization. Shelline was also recently named to the Northern California *Super Lawyers* 2011 edition and was recognized in the category of employment and labor. ~ **Karen Carrera** is the supervising attorney at Legal Aid of Marin, practicing labor/employment and housing law. She is also an adjunct professor at UC Hastings, teaching Negotiation and Settlement in the CNDR department. Karen is also





Mark Talamantes '95

of counsel at Talamantes/Villegas/Carrera. She lives in Marin and keeps busy raising two boys, ages 12 and 10, with husband **Mark Talamantes '95**. ~ On March 22, classmates **Deb Brown, Michelene Insalaco** and **Janet Frankel** were honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As members of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, they each received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

**Jeffrey Alan Feldman** is thrilled to report that his third child, Max, born in San Francisco on July 22, joins older siblings Rachel and Evan. Jeffrey continues to practice in the area of securities arbitration, where he maintains a national practice. His firm recently expanded by one lawyer. ~ **Suzanne Cobb** established a solo practice in downtown Oakland, focusing on family law and criminal defense. ~ On March 22, **Elizabeth (Betsy) Johnsen** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As



Michelene Insalaco '92

one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Elizabeth received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

**Frederick A. Acomb**, a principal in the Detroit office of the law firm of Miller Canfield, has been appointed chair of Miller Canfield's international dispute resolution section by the firm's litigation and trial group. The international dispute resolution section has defended and prosecuted international claims in many of the world's major arbitral institutions as well as in the U.S. federal courts. ~ **Sang-Jin Nam**

now practices in Fresno for Liebert Cassidy Whitmore.

Meyers Nave, one of the leading public law agencies in California, announced **David Skinner** as its new managing principal.

~ After 15 years in

private practice on Oahu, focusing on dull real estate matters, **Richard Thomason** decided to simplify things to make sure he had time for his son's baseball games. With that, he joined the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Hawai'i and now spends most of his time dealing with the public unions. "Best decision I ever made," he said, "as there's never a dull moment." ~ **George W. Kuney** recently published the third edition of *Contracts: Transactions and Litigation* and *The Elements of Contract Drafting*, both of which had their genesis in his law teaching,



George W. Kuney '89



starting as an adjunct at UC Hastings and currently as professor of law at the University of Tennessee College of Law. His wife, **Donna Looper**, published *Mastering Appellate Advocacy and Process*, the third in her series of titles in the Mastering series by Carolina Academic Press. The other titles are *Mastering Intellectual Property* and *Mastering Legal Analysis and Drafting*, each coauthored with her husband. ~ **Victor Alam** is an ERISA lawyer who

heads the legal department for Menke & Associates, a San Francisco-based financial consulting firm that specializes in structuring and implementing employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs). Victor lives in Redwood City with his wife, Christina; daughter, Beth; and son, Jake. ~ **Jim Curran** is of counsel to Goldsberry, Freeman & Guzman of Sacramento and counsels and represents businesses and institutions in employment law matters.

**Gregory Rovenger** has joined international law firm McKenna Long & Alridge as partner in the firm's corporate practice in Los Angeles. ~ Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, the environmental, energy and land use law firm based in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania, is pleased to announce that **Suzanne Schiller** joined the firm as a litigation partner effective July 1. ~ **Vernon Winters** was gratified to have been recognized again by *Chambers USA* as a Leading

Lawyer in Patent Litigation and selected by the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, as a court-appointed mediator in IP cases. ~ **Eric J. Uhl**, a partner at Fisher & Phillips, was recently published in Maine's largest newspaper, the *Portland Press Herald*. A labor law expert, Eric outlined in his article common misconceptions about wage and hour traps in the workplace and offered tips on navigating complex workplace laws. Eric was named to *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2010*.

## Identifying Tomorrow's Transatlantic Leaders

Last year, the German Marshall Fund of the United States invited **Jan Jemison '86** to serve as the Northern California selection partner and city coordinator for the Marshall Memorial Fellowship. Founded in 1982, the Marshall Memorial Fellowship was created to introduce a new generation of European and American leaders to their respective institutions, politics and people. Jan, UC Hastings' Legal Education Opportunity Program (LEOP) director, has responsibility for selecting the Northern California candidates for the American Marshall Memorial Fellowship and hosting the visiting European Marshall Memorial fellows.

The Marshall Memorial fellows, who are chosen from all sectors—including politics, media, business and nongovernmental organizations—are selected on the basis of their potential to contribute to an improved international understanding and cooperation between North America and Europe on a wide range of issues. For more information, visit [www.gmfus.org](http://www.gmfus.org) or contact Jan at [jemisonj@uchastings.edu](mailto:jemisonj@uchastings.edu).

On March 22, **Stephen Finestone** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Stephen received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.



After 18 years with the City Attorney's Office and two years as interim city attorney, **Russell I. Miyahira** was appointed city attorney of Hawthorne in December 2010. Three of its attorneys are UC Hastings alumni.



Kevin C. Mayer '84

On May 2, **Rachelle Chong** joined Comcast as its vice president, government affairs, for the California region. She represents the company before the California PUC, State Legislature and local franchise authorities. She and **Kirk Del Prete** are proud parents of twin daughters,



Rachelle Chong '84

Claire and Genevieve. ~ **Crowell & Moring** is pleased to announce the addition of partner **Kevin C. Mayer** to the firm's torts group. Based in the firm's Los Angeles office, Kevin brings more than 25 years of litigation and trial experience to the firm's national torts practice, where he will represent clients as national coordinating counsel and handle a wide range of complex commercial and mass tort litigation, including construction, toxic tort, OSHA, environmental and product liability litigation. ~ **Jeffrey Blanck** has been

in private practice for seven years in Reno, handling plaintiff civil rights actions, employment disputes and education matters. He also handles post-criminal conviction writs and appeals. Jeffrey still manages to raft rivers in Idaho, Oregon and California. "Self-employment is good," Jeffrey says. "I have a great boss." ~ **Stanley Conrad** married William Beard, his partner of 32 years, on the first day same-sex marriage became legal in New York State, July 24. ~ **Jennifer O'Connor** relocated to New York last fall to take a new position as general counsel of J. Crew. ~ **Sarah (Backus) Clark** is pleased to report that she was appointed to the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court Bench in Taos, New Mexico, by Gov. Susana Martinez. She was sworn in on June 27. She has lived in Taos since 1994 and has a 14-year-old

son, Daniil. Her dad, A. Richard Backus, was a Superior Court judge in Sacramento. He passed away in 2008.

**Charlotte K. Ito**, a partner in the San Francisco office of the national law firm of Fox Rothschild, was selected as the incoming vice chair of the California State Bar Trusts & Estates Section Executive Committee (TEXCOM). ~ After his first year as a Superior Court judge, presiding over a misdemeanor department in the Palo Alto courthouse, **Ted Zayner** moved on in 2011



Jennifer O'Connor '84





Ted Zayner '83

to an interesting and, at times, challenging family law assignment in the Sunnyvale courthouse. ~ On June 15, **Nate G. Kraut** was presented with Public Counsel's Appellate Law Program's *Pro Bono* of the Year Award in recognition

of the multiple *pro bono* appeals he has handled. Nate is certified as an appellate specialist by the State Bar Board of Legal Specialization. ~ **Jeff Wachtel** has been in the administration at Stanford University since 1985 and now serves as senior assistant to the president and secretary of the board of trustees. ~ On March 22, **Steve Miyake** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Steve

received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

**Jerry Peters** is a partner at Latham & Watkins, practicing health-care law in San Francisco, representing mostly hospitals and physicians in business transactions. His son is 14. His family's recent trips include the Galapagos Islands, the Amazon basin and Namibia. Jerry serves on two nonprofit boards: a local hospice and Huckleberry Youth Programs, serving troubled

youth in San Francisco and Marin. ~ **Allen Bromberger's** article on for-profit/nonprofit hybrids for social enterprise was published in the April issue of the *Stanford Social Innovation Review*.

In April 2010, **Ann Ameral** was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus. She is handling the juvenile dependency assignment and loving it. Ann was a commissioner of the same court prior to receiving

## Leading ADR Expert to Chair JAMS Board

JAMS, the largest private provider of mediation and arbitration services worldwide, announced the election of **Bruce A. Edwards '81** as its new chairman of the board. "This is an exciting time to be on the JAMS board and, as chairman, I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure the continued success of the organization through the delivery of the highest-quality ADR services to our clients," Bruce says. "I am especially excited to be part of the introduction of the JAMS International brand to Europe." Bruce is a founding member of JAMS and one of JAMS's most experienced attorney mediators. He has served as a mediator, arbitrator and special master since 1986. He frequently writes and teaches about the benefits of ADR throughout the United States, Europe, Indonesia and the Middle East.





this appointment. Before that, she had a thriving solo practice handling family law for close to 27 years.

~ **Wende Guastamachio**

has joined Stein & Lubin as of counsel. Wende, who most recently was a solo practitioner in Pleasanton, practices in the area of real estate transactions.

**Nicolas Ulmer**, after 23 years of practicing with U.S. firms in Switzerland, joined the Geneva Firm of Budin & Associés and continues his practice, which is largely devoted to international arbitration and international litigation and dispute matters. His most recent article in the field of arbitration is "The Cost Conundrum," vol. 26, *Arbitration International*, p. 221 (2010). ~ The new California trust litigation practice guide, published in March by Lexis Nexis/Matthew Bender, features prominent East Bay estate attorney and UC Hastings

## IN MEMORIAM

### STUDENT

**Carol E. Knoll '10** passed away on April 1 from lung cancer shortly before graduation. She came to UC Hastings to pursue a career in public interest and brought with her a sense of social responsibility and tireless determination. Carol was admired by students and faculty alike and had a reputation at her summer internships for providing exemplary legal research. She held a BA from the University of Cincinnati.

### ALUMNI

**Frances C. LaBaw '95** of Goldendale, Wash., passed away on July 11. A registered nurse, Frances was 69 at the time of her death.

**Paul Muñiz '82** passed away on July 27 at the age of 63. Paul served as deputy county counsel for Contra Costa County, where he worked on behalf of abused and neglected children for more than 27 years. Paul was honored with the L. Michael Clark Award for Civility and Professionalism by the County Counsels' Association of California. Paul also served in the U.S. Army and received an MBA from the University of Oregon.

**Robert Gibson Gordon '76** passed away on May 13. After working for years as a tax lawyer for Bank of America, Bob became a leading figure in the design of decorative ponds. He co-owned the former Kyoto Koi and Garden Center in Santa Rosa and later opened his own business, Pond Systems. A New York native, Bob served as a combat medic in Vietnam.

**John Liebert '66** passed away on February 7. He was a preeminent public sector labor relations attorney and founding member of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. John emigrated as a boy from Nazi Germany and entered the United States through Ellis Island. John worked for the City of Sacramento and then joined Paterson & Taggart, where he met future partner Dan Cassidy. John was well known for the preventive legal training programs that he designed for public officials across California.

**Thomas L. Woodruff '65** passed away on May 17. Tom was a founding partner in the Orange County law firm of Woodruff, Spradlin & Smart. He served as general counsel to the Orange



## IN MEMORIAM (continued)

County Sanitation District for more than 30 years and also served as the assistant city attorney of Newport Beach and the city attorney of Fountain Valley.

**Judge Benjamin Travis '60** passed away on May 6. Born in 1932, he led a life of public service. He worked with the San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, becoming chief counsel of its Western Addition office in 1966. Benjamin was appointed judge of the Municipal and later Superior courts of Alameda County by Gov. Jerry Brown in 1976 and 1981, respectively. Benjamin was revered for his leadership in the development of the minority bar in Northern California. In 1974, he incorporated the Charles Houston Bar Association (formerly the Charles Houston Law Club) and served as its first president. Benjamin was a founder of the California Association of Black Lawyers and the Wiley Manuel Law Foundation. Additionally, he was a long-standing member of the Judicial Council of the National Bar Association. In 1979, the Charles Houston Bar Association created an annual community award in his name; in 2004, the California Association of Black Lawyers created the Benjamin Travis Lifetime Achievement Award. To honor his legacy, in 2011 the Wiley W. Manuel Bar Association of Sacramento County introduced the Benjamin Travis, Sr. Scholarship. His widow, Anne Fredd-Travis, is a partner at a Chicago law firm.

**James Kent Batchelor '59** passed away on June 2. Early in his legal career, James served as an assistant district attorney for Orange County. He then moved into private practice, where he specialized in family law. Highlights of his career include assisting the legislature in drafting California's no-fault divorce law, hosting a weekly radio show on family law and serving as an adjunct professor at Chapman University.

**Charlie Clifford '56** passed away on July 12. After law school, he served as law clerk to the Honorable O. D. Hamlin Jr. prior to joining Heller, Ehrman, White & McAuliffe. Throughout his career, Charlie served as president of the State Bar of California, the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Barristers Club of San Francisco, and the St. Thomas More Society. He was active for more than 30 years with the San Francisco Lawyers Committee for Urban Affairs and the San Francisco Legal Aid Society. He was

alumnus **John A. Hartog** as one of the lead authors/ editorial consultants. ~

**Kevin Dyer** cofounded Dyer Harris in New York, whose practice is focused on immigration solutions for artists, academics and entrepreneurs. ~ On March 22, **Lorie Nachlis** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Lorie received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award. ~ **Steve**

**Herum** recently resigned as chairman of the Stockton Port Commission after serving on the Commission for more than 11 years. Shortly thereafter, he was appointed general counsel for the Port Authority. He continues to be the managing partner at Herum/Crabtree in Stockton.



**Larry Russ** is founding partner as well as the managing partner and head of Russ August & Kabat's (RAK) litigation department. RAK, one of the more prominent intellectual property firms in Southern California, recently celebrated its 20-year anniversary. ~

**Marc Garfinkle** writes that his book, *Solo Contendere: How to Go Directly from Law School into the Practice of Law Without Getting a Job*, is now also being published by the Ohio and Missouri State Bar Associations. A teacher at Seton Hall

Law School, Marc is on the national CLE circuit, offering seminars and courses in "bridging the gap" skills, going solo and legal ethics. Marc also offers Power Tools for Business programs to teach public speaking skills to professionals.

~ **Correction:** When we printed that **Bill Richardson** "is a partner in Hunton & Williams," our information was outdated. Our apologies! Bill retired from Hunton & Williams in 2008 and is now an adjunct professor at the William & Mary Law School.

California Department of Insurance Administrative Law Judge **Chris Inama** was appointed as a Social Security Disability Appeals administrative law judge, effective August 22. ~ On March 22, **Richard Marx** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Richard received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

Legal Assistance for Seniors in Oakland honored **Kay Kohler** and her husband, Jeffrey Kupers, for their volunteer work representing low-income Alameda County seniors. Kay is retired from her position as a senior writ attorney with the First District Court of Appeal, and Kay and Jeff recently purchased a country home in Healdsburg. ~ Hon. **Jamoa Moberly** of the Orange County Superior Court was honored as Judge of the Year by the Orange County Women Lawyers at their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary fundraiser

### Legal Luminary

President Barack Obama recently appointed Hawaiian Electric Industries (HEI) President and Chief Executive Officer **Constance Lau '77** to serve as a member of the National Infrastructure Advisory Council (NIAC). In addition, the Women's Council on Energy and the Environment (WCEE) recently recognized Connie as WCEE Woman of the Year, the organization's highest honor. Hawaiian Electric Industries is Hawai'i's largest public company. Connie is also board chair of HEI's principal subsidiaries, including Hawaiian Electric Company, the electric utility that serves 95 percent of the state, and American Savings Bank, Hawai'i's third-largest bank.







Marlene Pappas Getchell '76

in May featuring Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye as keynote. Jamoa's son, **Jason Moberly Caruso**, is a 3L at UC Hastings. Her husband, Mike Caruso, and she are also proud of their daughter, Siena, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from UCLA and will be teaching at Jiangnan University in Wuhan, China, next year. They

are avid skiers and love travel. ~ **Paul Getchell** has been a legal editor at Lexis Nexis/Matthew Bender for more than 30 years. During that time, he has been involved in the creation and development of new publications and products, and in the past few years has been the in-house project leader for the development of the company's two most recent California practice guides, covering electronic discovery and California trust litigation. In his spare time, Paul enjoys relaxing in his garden in Marin County, hounding antique shows and flea markets, and dabbling in his hobbies and outside interests. Paul has

been married to classmate **Marlene Pappas Getchell** for 34 years, and they have two adult children. ~

**Joseph Schieffer** recently finished fifth in his age group in the marathon at the world championships for masters (over age 35) runners. When he's not running, Joseph practices real estate law in Oakland, primarily representing commercial landlords. ~ On March 22, classmates **Mary Lucia Christie**, **Bernard Wolf** and **John Koeppel** were honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP).

As members of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, they each received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award. ~ **Paul Armand Mariano's** documentary, *These Amazing Shadows*, opened at the Sundance Kabuki Cinemas on Post



Joel Richard Rubin '75

Street in San Francisco on May 6 and ran until May 12. Attending the special screening was San Francisco Public Defender **Jeff Adachi '85**.

**Joel Richard Rubin** is teaching a course at Empire College School of Law in Santa Rosa, titled Contemplative Practices and Legal Practice. ~

**Dawn Stafford** retired from the San Bernardino County Counsel Office after 35 years, at the end of 2010. She is a trustee on the San Bernardino County Employees Retirement Association Board, having

### Your Class Notes

Please let us know your latest news or information you may have about fellow alumni. You can submit your class notes and photographs (300 dpi) online at [classnotes@uchastings.edu](mailto:classnotes@uchastings.edu). Alternatively, you can mail your class notes to Communications, UC Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.



been elected to represent the retirees. Dawn currently serves as the chair of the board. ~ **Thomas Schiff** writes from Schiff & Associates in San Diego to say that he would like to be putting deals together, but the commercial real estate market has been “in the tank” for a while. He adds, “Never fear, fisherman is here.”

As general counsel for the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County and partner in the Los Angeles office of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith, **Daniel V. Hyde** is continuing his career-long practice in public agency, construction and environmental law. ~ Former supervising judge of the Civil Division of Santa Clara County Superior Court, Hon. **John F. Herlihy** has joined the JAMS San Jose Resolution Center. During his distinguished 29-year

## IN MEMORIAM (continued)

a member of the California Commission on Judicial Performance and a recipient of the 1998 Judge Learned Hand Human Relations Award from the American Jewish Committee.

**Thomas Graham Duffy '54** passed away on May 23. He had a distinguished career as an arbitrator, mediator, city attorney and judge. While on the bench, he was elected by the San Diego County judges to be the presiding judge and was instrumental in unifying municipal and superior courts. Before law school, Thomas joined the United States Navy in 1944 and served for two years in the Pacific Theater and, after the Armistice, in China.

**Carl Bernard Metoyer '52** passed away on July 28, at the age of 86. He was the first African American lawyer elected president of the Alameda County Bar Association. He also served as vice chairman of the State Bar Conference of Delegates and was a member of the California Commission on Judicial Performance. Carl was a cofounder of the Charles Houston Law Club, a group of African American lawyers who met regularly in the 1950s and 1960s to mentor one another and strategize to confront discrimination in the legal profession. Throughout his career, Carl remained in private practice, focusing primarily on probate and commercial law. In 1985, the Alameda County Bar honored him for 30 years of service to its organization. In 2002, he was inducted into the National Bar Association Hall of Fame.

**Max K. Jamison Sr. '45** passed away on July 2. Before attending law school, Max graduated from UC Berkeley. Max led a distinguished legal career and argued before the U.S. Supreme Court. Max is survived by his brother, Richard Jamison, three sons and three grandchildren.

**Norman T. Seltzer '42** died on April 19. The founder of Seltzer Caplan McMahon Vitek, Norman represented builders and developers on property transactions. Before founding his law firm in 1948, he was an associate attorney with Lindley, Higgins, Lazar & Johnson. In 1942, he joined the United States Army Air Corps as a first lieutenant, serving as a navigator and navigation instructor and achieving the rank of captain in 1946.



## Honors for Trial Lawyer Joseph Cotchett '64

**Joseph Cotchett '64** recently received two awards from the California League of Conservation Voters and Consumer Watchdog. He was honored by the California League of Conservation Voters with the Environmental Leadership Award at the 29th Annual Awards Ceremony on June 2, 2011. He was recognized for demonstrating leadership and preserving California's environment for our future. In addition, in June, Joe was honored by Consumer Watchdog at the 25th Anniversary Rage for Justice Awards Ceremony. The Phillip Burton Lifetime Legal Achievement Award was presented to Cotchett in recognition of his courage for advocating his voice on behalf of all Californians when former Gov. Schwarzenegger proposed the selling of dozens of historic state buildings.

career on the bench, John managed, settled and tried thousands of the county's most complex civil litigation cases. "I'm pleased to continue my lifelong commitment to resolving conflicts by joining JAMS," said John. "I look forward to working with my distinguished colleagues and the professional associates at JAMS."

Partners at Ventura County's leading law firm, Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton LLP, recently

elected veteran litigator **Joel Mark** to oversee the firm as managing partner. Joel is past president of the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and a 2008 AYSO Hall of Fame inductee. He continues to serve on the AYSO audit committee and is active in other community and professional activities.

After turning 70, **Peter Buxtun** decided to get the education that university, law school and opulent leisure had hindered.

**Tim Middleton** wrote on July 25 to say, "I am retired as of one hour from now. This is my last day of work." ~ During part of the past year, **John E. Nordin** was assigned to the Department of Justice's Community Relations Service, monitoring demonstrations regarding the Arizona immigration statute (SB 1070).

Retired Appellate Justice Hon. **Richard J. McAdams** has joined JAMS in Silicon Valley as a mediator, arbitrator and special

master. Richard will be based in the JAMS Silicon Valley Resolution Center in San Jose.

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**Roland Attenborough** spent the past 40 or





Fritz Duda '64

so years working with employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs), including drafting ESOP legislation for Congress and the California legislature. He lives in Los Angeles with his wonderful wife. He says he has not figured out how to slow down yet.

**Fritz Duda** resides in Dallas, Texas and remains active in the real estate development business. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame and has 12 grandchildren. He encourages those of the class of '64 to keep in touch.

**Parker Kelly** fled California to Whitefish, Montana, 10 years ago. He has become a great golfer but is inactive with the bar. He is still married to Nell. Parker is pleased to be serving on the board of the Montana Innocence Project and has written a couple of books for kids. He sends his best to all. ~ **Bruce D. Varner**, a partner of Varner & Brandt, was recently interviewed in the *Press-Enterprise*. Long before Bruce claimed a come-from-behind victory to help Jack Brown win control of

the Stater Bros. grocery chain in 1993, the Riverside lawyer and Jack—now chairman and CEO of the grocery empire—met at a college party.

On March 22, **Julian Hultgren** was honored by the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the Bar Association of San Francisco (VLSP). As one of the top 10 percent of VLSP's volunteers, Julian received an Outstanding Volunteer in Public Service award.

**Myron E. "Doc" Etienne Jr.** reports that he had a wonderful rodeo this year. Four days, tremendous attendance. Myron rode a horse in the Grand Entry and reports that it was fun. Activities with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association continue to call for Myron's effort and time, and he is happy to give them.

### Ronald H. Rouda '59 Receives ABOTA Lifetime Achievement Award

The American Board of Trial Advocates presented its highest honor, the ABOTA Lifetime Achievement Award, to former ABOTA National President **Ronald H. Rouda '59**. Ron was the guiding spirit behind the ABOTA Foundation's "Justice by the People" program. The Justice by the People program was launched in 1998 to allow students hands-on experience with the trial process. Today, through a partnership with Scholastic Inc., Justice by the People is a free online resource on the Scholastic website.

"We are grateful for Ron's vision and imagination in creating the Justice by the People program," said Harry T. Widmann, 2011 national president. "But he didn't just come up with an idea and hand it off to someone else. He helped shepherd the idea into reality. He continues to be active in ABOTA and continues to promote the youth education initiative. He set a standard that will endure for future generations."







## ► Judge Robert R. Rigsby '86

Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

**In addition to being a sitting judge, you are a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve. What inspired your interest in military service and the law?**

My parents. My father was a cook at the California Maritime Academy. Before he would set sail on the *Golden Bear*, I saw people on the ship proudly standing at attention in their crisp uniforms. I asked my dad what they were doing. He said they were preparing to defend our great country. I told him that's what I wanted to do.

**In 2009, you spent six months in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan, presiding over court martial trials. What was it like being the first military judge in the Army to deploy on a full-time basis to an active theater of war?**

It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. I had an opportunity to witness America's best performing heroic and extraordinary service to our country. Also, I thought it was my moral and legal obligation to bring the rule of war to a war zone. It was important to show the world America's commitment to justice.

**What are the most pressing issues you face in your work?**

Fifty to 100 people appear before me every day. Being the sole judge for an area of Washington that has experienced its share of economic distress, I see people who will make it, people who need a little help to make it and people who want to give up. My court does not afford me the opportunity to give up on them or on any other person who is truly trying to make a change.

**Given your experiences, what has been the value of a UC Hastings education?**

It was the best decision I ever made to go to UC Hastings. I loved the camaraderie of the students and the caring, community-oriented faculty. There were fine law professors who taught public service and preached giving back. My torts professor was David Levine. Keith Wingate was a friend and mentor. I used to talk to them about what I wanted to do.

**What advice would you give to students and new alumni in these challenging times?**

Don't give in to the temptation to think only economically.

Invest in our future by deciding to give more of yourself than to yourself.

**Tell us about the law camp you started last year.**

We provide underprivileged youth from the District of Columbia a unique perspective on law and government. We provide them access to local and national professionals—lawyers and non-lawyers—so they can visualize their own potential. We also teach them real skills through a mock trial. We try to make learning fun. I believe that if they can see it, they can be it!

**Is there anything else you would like to share?**

My wife and mother-in-law are judges, and my father-in-law is a politician. Their commitment speaks volumes about their characters. I never thought I'd meet people who wanted to make as much of a difference in the community as I did. I believe commitment to community can be taught. Our son is a Boy Scout and a JROTC cadet, and understands the importance of community service. He understands the value of giving back.



## A NEW DEGREE HELPS HEALTH AND SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS THINK LIKE LAWYERS

The rapidly evolving field of health sciences is increasingly intersecting with the legal discipline in new and uncharted ways, an area currently being explored by the pioneering UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science and Health Policy.

These days, health and science professionals—whether in biotech, medicine or health-care policy—must invariably interact with legal systems and processes. Yet most of these professionals have little training in the complexities of the law.

To address this profound need, UC Hastings is proud to offer a new Master of Studies in Law (MSL) degree with a focus on science and health policy. The program will begin in August of 2012, with full-time and part-time enrollment options. The full-time program will require two semesters of full-time study; the part-time program must be completed within four years

(eight semesters) from the start.

The MSL degree is designed for science or health professionals who do not seek to practice law but who want to equip themselves with a sophisticated understanding of legal reasoning and doctrine. Familiarity with the law is central to the success of professionals in these fields, whether it provides the framework within which they work or relates to their research.

As generations of law students have learned, law is not merely what appears in case opinions, regulations and

statutes; it is a way of thinking. Indeed, helping health and science professionals “think like lawyers” is one of the primary objectives of this program.

According to UC Hastings Professor **David L. Faigman**, who directs the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science and Health Policy, “If you are a health or science professional who interacts with, relies upon or researches subjects involving the law, the UC Hastings MSL degree will give you the tools to do your job better or prepare for a better job.”

*David L. Faigman, director of the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science and Health Policy.*



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